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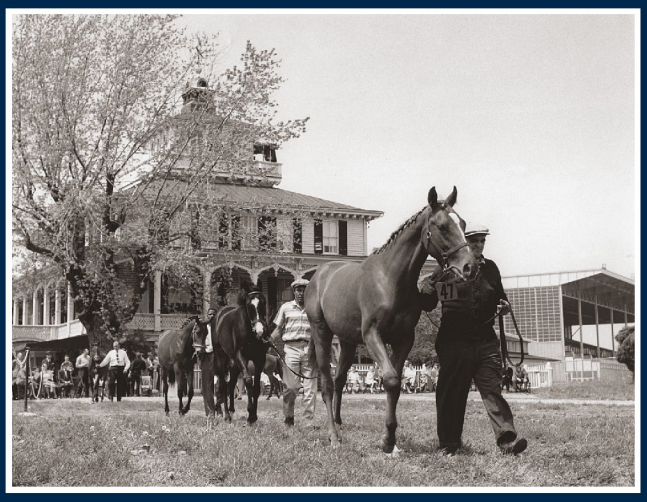

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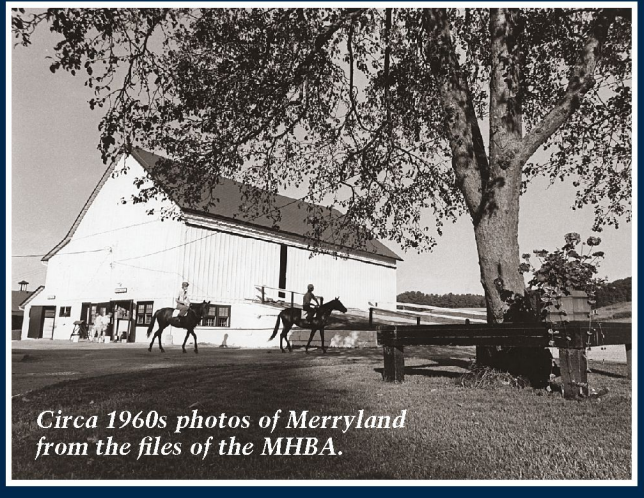

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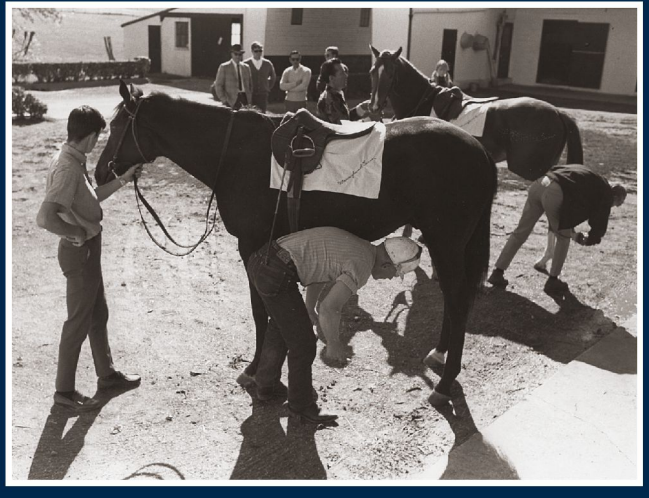

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Saturday, June 21 - **$600,000 Guaranteed Colonial Turf Cup-G3**
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Saturday, June 21 - **$200,000 Guaranteed All Along Stakes-G3**
(includes $50,000 from the Breeders' Cup Fund)
Closes Wednesday, May 28, 2008. Fillies and mares, three-year-olds and upward. One mile and one-eighth (Turf).

Saturday, June 21 - **$60,000 Guaranteed Buckland Stakes**
Closes Monday, June 9, 2008. Fillies and mares, three-year-olds and upward. Five and one-half furlongs (Turf).

Saturday, June 28 - **$60,000 Guaranteed Charlton Bloodstock/Daniel Van Clief Stakes**
Closes Monday, June 16, 2008. Three-year-olds and upward. One mile and one-sixteenth (Turf). Registered VA-breds/VA-sired.

Saturday, July 5 - **$60,000 Guaranteed Da Hoss Stakes**
Closes Monday, June 23, 2008. Three-year-olds and upward. One mile (Turf).

Saturday, July 12 - **$60,000 Guaranteed Sandringham/Brookmeade Stakes**
Closes Monday, June 30, 2008. Fillies and mares, three-year-olds and upward. One mile (Turf). Registered VA-breds/VA-sired.

Sunday, July 13 - **$50,000 Guaranteed David L. "Zeke" Ferguson Memorial NSA-G3**
Three-year-olds and upward. Two miles and one-quarter over National fences (Steeplechase).

Saturday, July 19 - **$750,000 Guaranteed Virginia Derby-G2**
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Saturday, July 19 - **$200,000 Guaranteed Virginia Oaks -G3**
Early Closing Wednesday, May 28, 2008. Fillies, three-year-olds. One mile and one-eighth (Turf).

Saturday, July 19 - **$60,000 Guaranteed Kitten's Joy Stakes**
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Saturday, July 26 - **$60,000 Guaranteed Tippett Stakes**
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Saturday, August 2 - **$60,000 Guaranteed Chesapeake Stakes**
Closes Monday, July 21, 2008. Three-year-olds and upward. Six furlongs.

Saturday, August 2 - **$60,000 Guaranteed Dormello Stud/Jamestown Stakes**
Closes Monday, July 21, 2008. Two-year-olds. Six furlongs. Registered VA-breds/VA-sired.

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Battleship (far right) leads Royal Danieli (center, #6) and Delachance (#11) over Becher's Brook, the second time around, en route to victory in the 1938 English Grand National.

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COVER: Battleship made only one public appearance after returning from England—that was at the 1938 Foxcatcher meet at Fair Hill, where he is pictured with his owner, Marion duPont Scott. Photograph by Morgan/courtesy of Keeneland Library.

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Churchill Downs—April 26 to July 6
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Eastern Fall Yearlings, Fasig-Tipton Midlantic, Timonium Sales Pavilion, Timonium, Md. (410) 392-5555 or 252-5860. Sept. 29, 30, Oct. 1.
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Saratoga Preferred Yearlings, Fasig-Tipton New York, Saratoga Springs, N.Y. (518) 584-4700. Aug. 9, 10.
Saratoga Open Yearlings, Fasig-Tipton New York, Saratoga Springs, N.Y. (518) 584-4700. Aug. 12.
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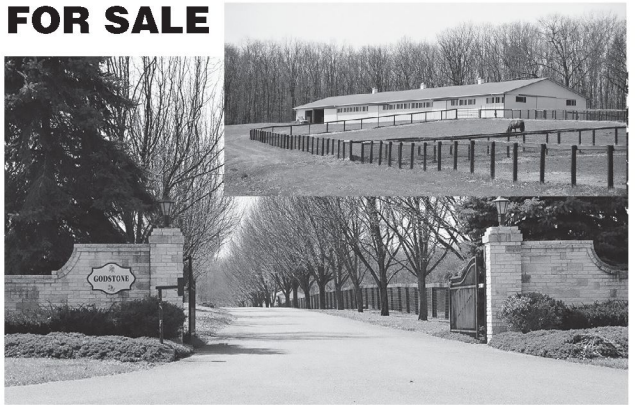

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Maryland Million, Laurel Park, Laurel, Md. (410) 252-2100; www.marylandmillion.com. Oct. 4.

West Virginia Breeders Classics, Charles Town, Charles Town, W.Va. (304) 725-0709; www.wvbc.com. Oct. 18.

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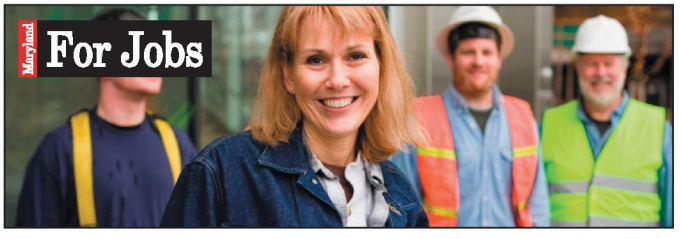

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Letters to the editor

Name change noted for Hunt Cup posterity

First I would like to thank you for the article on the Maryland Hunt Cup (in the *Maryland Horse* newsletter published in the April 2008 issue of *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred*).

I apologize in advance for the confusion caused by my name change in tallying the records for the Hunt Cup.

I legally changed my name in 2003 from Joseph Davies Gillet to Joseph Gillet Davies. The winning rider in 2005 on Make Me a Champ should read Joseph Gillet Davies.

Under the section Maryland Hunt Cup riders from 1894 to 2007, it would be great if you could list all of my 13 rides under Joseph (Gillet) Davies.

Joseph Gillet Davies
Monkton, Md.

Sagamore Farm story downplayed Ward's efforts

. . . Although it was encouraging to see a positive article on such a piece of property, there are several facts about Sagamore Farm that were left out (in the article by John Eisenberg published in *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred,* February 2008).

. . . the article failed to mention many historical events that will, in the end, enable (current owner Kevin) Plank's vision to come to fruition. Did you know that prior to owning Sagamore Farm, the previous owner, James Ward, began purchasing properties in the (Worthington) Valley in the early 1980s?

The first property he purchased was Montmorenci, which is contiguous to Sagamore Farm. After purchasing Montmorenci, he wasted no time placing more than 189 acres in the Maryland Agricultural Trust, which protects the land from being developed for at least 100 years.

Mr. Ward subsequently purchased Sagamore Farm in 1986 from Alfred G. Vanderbilt. Being a developer, he knew the importance of protecting Sagamore, so he placed those 425 acres as well in the Maryland Agricultural Trust, restricting the farm to one home.

It is my belief that Mr. Ward should be applauded for acquiring historic properties in the Valley and placing them in trust. . . His main focus was to preserve the land and keep Sagamore Farm intact while preserving the history that it holds.

All in all, over 1,000 acres in (Worthington) Valley have been preserved by Mr. Ward and his legacy should be remembered for that selfless act.

. . . I find it troubling that in your article you chose select negative words to say about a man that has focused so much on preserving that which will allow many generations the opportunity to view the beauty of the valley. The fact that you referred to Sagamore Farm (during its era under Ward's ownership) as a "weedy dilapidated horse town" is both inaccurate and unjust.

. . . Many of the farms that currently surround Sagamore Farm are not protected by the trust. We can only hope that they do not fall prey to development. . .

Patricia Waldman
Palm Beach, Fla.

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PRADO NAMED TO HALL OF FAME

Jockey Edgar Prado will soon join a long list of Maryland-connected performers in racing's Hall of Fame.

Prado, 40, was named to Hall of Fame honors this year along with Carl Nafzger, trainer of Kentucky Derby winners Unbridled (1990) and Street Sense (2007); and two-time Kentucky Derby-winning jockey Ismael (Milo) Valenzuela, who was the regular rider of five-time horse of the year Kelso.

Runners chosen for induction this year are Inside Information, Manila and Ancient Title.

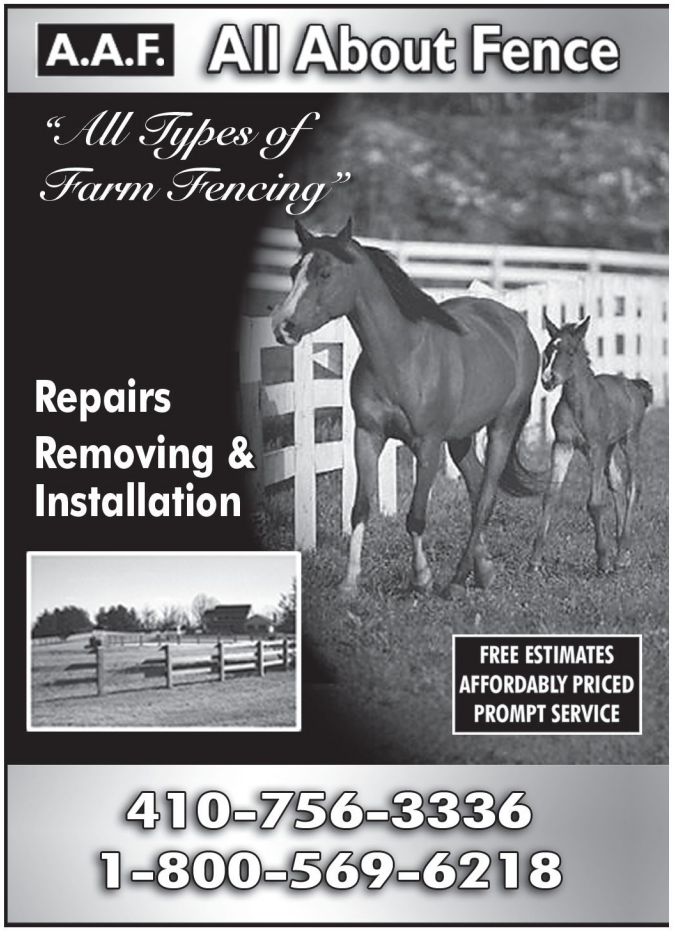
The ceremony will take place on August 4 in Saratoga Springs at the Fasig-Tipton sales pavilion.

Prado, who rode Barbaro to victory in the 2006 Kentucky Derby and was heroic in his response to the ill-fated runner's breakdown in the Preakness, led the nation in victories for three consecutive years, from 1997 to 1999, while based in Maryland.

Since relocating to New York in the summer of 1999, he has been among the leaders in purse money won and has added dozens of graded stakes wins—including two Belmont Stakes—to his resume. He won the Eclipse Award as the champion jockey of 2006.

Prado grew up in a racing family of 11 children in Peru and began his riding career there as a 16-year-old. He moved to the U.S. in 1986 and rode in Florida and Massachusetts before settling in Maryland. Prado became the fourth rider in history with more than 500 victories in a season when he rode 536 in 1997.

His career totals in North America are 6,040 victories from 31,539 starts, earnings of $205,283,461 and 261 graded stakes (through April). He ranks seventh on the career earnings list.



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Dr. Gwendolyn Lynch

Virginia Tech's Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center has added an ophthalmology service through an alliance with Scottsdale, Ariz.-based Eye Care for Animals.

Care is provided by Dr. Gwendolyn Lynch, a board certified veterinary ophthalmologist and associate at Eye Care for Animals in Leesburg, Va.

A broad range of ophthalmic diagnostic services for horses are offered, including full examination using a slit-lamp biomicroscope and ophthalmoscope, tear testing, corneal staining, glaucoma testing, culture, cytology ocular ultrasound and electroretinogram.

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A diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists, Lynch earned her doctor of veterinary medicine degree from the University of Florida. She completed an internship in small animal medicine and surgery at Angell Memorial Animal Hospital in Boston, Mass., and a three-year residency with Eye Care for Animals in Tustin, Calif.

BUCKLE DOWN BEN

Devil His Due—Flying Hill, by Flying Paster

Graded stakes winner of $367,743. Won the G3 Laurel Futurity at 2 after winning his first start in maiden special company. Second in the G3 Holy Bull S and Iowa Derby, 3rd in G2 Remsen S. Half-brother to **HILLWALKER** ($197,305), **Cabo Queen** ($196,349), **Hill of a Deal** (stakes-class producer), from the family of champion **J. O. TOBIN** (sire). **$2,500 live foal. $1,500 for mares foaling in PA.**

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Gone West—Meteor Colony, by Pleasant Colony

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DIGAMIST

Blushing Groom (Fr)—Disconiz, by Northern Dancer

G1 stakes winner at 2 and sire of 20 stakes horses competing around the world, including champions **ROMANONO** (in Panama) and **Kalaf** (in Austria), Hollywood Park track record-setter **Dig for It** ($543,618, G1-placed), etc. Sire of 12 $100,000-plus earners, five over $200,000. **$1,500 live foal. $1,000 to mares foaling in PA. Reg. PA sire.**

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Dixieland Band—My Success, by A.P. Indy

Stakes winner at 2. Won the $100,000 Dover S by $4\frac{1}{4}$ lengths. Out of a winning half-sister to multiple G1 winner **AFFIRMED SUCCESS** ($2,285,314), from the immediate family of G1 **EXBOURNE** (sire), MG3W **TOP SOCIALITE**, G1 **EXPELLED** (sire) and champion **SHARP FOCUS**. **$1,500 live foal. $1,000 to mares foaling in PA. Reg. PA sire.**

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MID-ATLANTIC REPORT

IN MEMORIAM: NJ-BRED STAR BRACALENA

Bracalena at age 23.

Bracalena, the champion New Jersey-bred handicap mare of 1985, was euthanized several months ago due to infirmities of old age.

Bred and raced by retired jockey Philip I. Grimm Sr. in partnership with Howard Krebs Sr. and Kim Gibson, and trained by Grimm's son Philip Jr., Bracalena (1980, Bold Arian—Ardrossan, by Second Avenue) campaigned for four seasons, winning 11 of her 21 starts and earning $237,571. She won the Glassboro Stakes at 4, and as a 5-year-old captured the Rare Treat and Fair Haven Handicaps and placed third in the Affectionately Handicap-G3.

Cherished by her connections, and most especially by Philip Grimm Jr., who also cared for her throughout her broodmare career, Bracalena produced eight foals, six of them winners, with the most illustrious being Salina's Gift, a 1996 daughter of Badger Land who earned $156,535.

A tribute to Bracalena may be found at www. myspace.com/bracalena.

AHC AND USDA COLLABORATE ON UNWANTED HORSE ISSUE FORUM

The American Horse Council and the United States Department of Agriculture will co-sponsor an all-day forum titled "The Unwanted Horse Issue: What Now?" on Wednesday, June 18, at the Department's Jefferson Auditorium in Washington, D.C.

The forum will piggy-back onto the AHC's 2008 National Issues Forum, to be held June 16 to 18 in Washington. The unwanted horse forum is open to all.

"There is little data about the size of the problem, the number of unwanted horses, the ability of the current system to care for them, whether there is an increase in neglect and similar issues," said AHC president Jay Hickey. "This forum will be an opportunity to focus on the many factors that surround the problem and bring some clarity to it."

Various newspapers and other media have recently reported that state agencies and horse rescue groups are seeing a growing number of horses who can no longer be cared for by owners. Some of the reports suggest that rescue groups are being overwhelmed and may have to start turning horses away. The media reports suggest numerous factors for the increase, including over-breeding; the downturn in the economy; sharply rising costs of hay; the drought that has affected many parts of the U.S.; the costs of euthanasia and carcass disposal; and the closing of the nation's three slaughter facilities.

For more information visit www.horsecouncil.org. To register for the forum, send your name, affiliation and e-mail address to Marsha Stephens Hurd, 800 9th St. SW, Room 3150 Waterfront Centre, Washington, D.C. 20250-2220; (202) 401-5352; fax: (202) 401-6156; or e-mail mhurd@csrees.usda.gov or rreynnells@csrees.usda.gov.

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ARNEAULT TO LEAVE HIS POST AT MTR GAMING

JEFF COADY/COADY PHOTOGRAPHY

Edson R. (Ted) Arneault reportedly will step down as chairman and chief executive officer of race track operator MTR Gaming Group Inc. at the end of this year.

A guiding force behind the reincarnation of Mountaineer Park as a successful racino, Arneault also helped mastermind the development of Presque Isle Downs, the new race track and slots emporium that opened in Erie, Pa., last September under the auspices of MTR Gaming.

Arneault, 60, is MTR Gaming's second-largest shareholder. He first joined Mountaineer as a consultant prior to the track's sale to a public company in 1992. A year later, he became chief executive.

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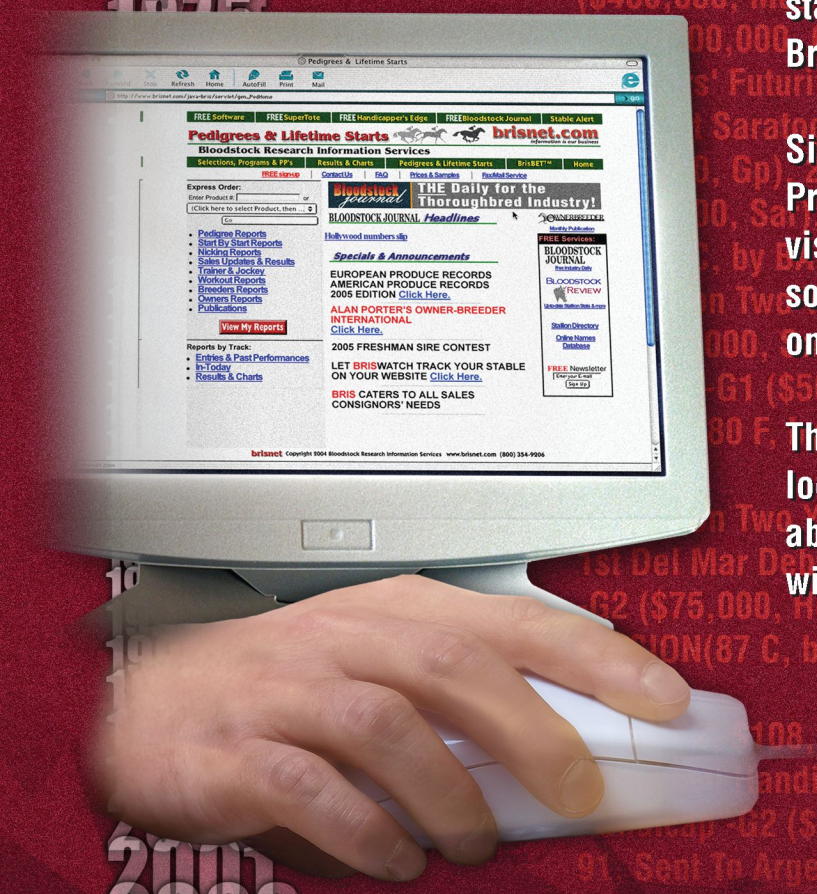

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MIRACLE WOOD

Miracle Wood made his mark on the Maryland racing landscape in the 1980s, as the first good horse—and still the best—to campaign for owner/breeder Albert F. (Bert) Allen Jr. and his son, long-successful Maryland-based trainer A. Ferris Allen III.

A modestly credentialed homebred (by Baederwood out of the Dedimoud mare Age of Miracles), Miracle Wood wasn't a joy to be around.

Born at Shamrock Farms in Woodbine, Md., and raised at Bert Allen's 13-acre Warwick Stable in Varina, Va., Miracle Wood was a huge, aggressive youngster who had been gelded early in an attempt to curb his cantankerous behavior.

"But that didn't make any difference at all," Allen said. "He was still just as mean."

All was forgiven—as far as Bert Allen was concerned—after Ferris called him in the spring of 1985, and said: "Pop, I think we got a runner."

What followed was a 2-year-old season most owners only dream about.

Miracle Wood made 13 starts that year, racking up six wins (three in stakes company), and three third-place finishes (all stakes, including the prestigious Laurel Futurity-G1, in which the top two finishers were Southern Appeal and Papal Power).

Miracle Wood's maiden-breaking win at Pimlico that July, in his fifth start, was the first of five straight victories. That streak included the Challedon Stakes, his first black-type effort as well as his first collaboration with jockey Donnie Miller, who guided him to victory in five of his 14 career wins. The pair won the one-mile contest on the turf and, remarkably, followed up exactly one week later with another win in the Walden Stakes, going six furlongs on the Pimlico dirt.

MAGGIE FURBAY

Miracle Wood capped off his stellar freshman season with a triumph in the Maryland Juvenile Championship, defeating Bug Eyed Betty and Lil Tyler.

Returning in February of his 3-year-old season, he scored a narrow victory in the Delaware Valley Handicap at Garden State. The following month, a runner-up performance to fellow Maryland-bred Broad Brush in the Jim Beam Stakes-G3 stamped him as a Kentucky Derby candidate.

"They wanted me to bring him to the Kentucky Derby, but he was such a bad shipper that we decided against it. He was just so nasty," Bert Allen recalled. Instead, Team Miracle Wood spent Derby Day 1986 at Pimlico, where its star finished second to Fork Union Cadet in the Woodlawn Stakes-G3.

Two weeks later, Bert and Ferris Allen experienced some of the proudest moments of their lives when Miracle Wood started in the Preakness.

Watching his son in the Preakness paddock saddling the horse that he had bred and raised was an immeasurable thrill for Bert Allen.

Miracle Wood came in fifth that day, 12 lengths behind the winner, Snow Chief, with Kentucky Derby winner Ferdinand second and Broad Brush third.

The Allens' pride and joy placed in four other stakes that season, including a second in the Fairmount Derby-G3. His career continued for six more seasons. Although he never again won a stakes, he remained competitive in stakes and allowance company until the winter of his 5-year-old season, when he began running for a claiming tag.

Ultimately, the Allens lost him to trainer John Salzman in a $25,000 claiming race in April 1989. However, six months later they claimed him back, for $5,000. Miracle Wood showed his gratitude by winning in his first start after returning to Ferris's barn. He was ridden that day by Edgar Prado, another frequent pilot. More often than not, the gritty gelding brought home a check before being retired at age 9 in the spring of 1992.

He headed back home to Warwick Stable with a record of 117 starts, 14 wins, 16 seconds, 25 thirds and $498,090 in earnings.

When asked what Miracle Wood has been doing in retirement, Bert Allen responded with an emphatic: "Nothing—just being nasty!"

Miracle Wood's companion for the past several years has been Christopher Knight. A winner of $155,718, Christopher Knight ranked fifth in the nation by number of wins in 1988, visiting the winner's circle 11 times that year. Bred and raced by Nancy Lee Farms, he was given to Ferris's daughter, Jane Marie Allen, when he stopped running. Still handsome and elegant, the bay gelding, also 25 years old, was a successful show ring hunter for several years before joining Miracle Wood at Warwick.

"They can't get along without each other," said Ferris's sister, Hillis. "They are best friends."

Hillis Allen recently retired to assist their father, who was treated for pancreatic cancer last year at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. Now 84, the elder Allen has recovered from his surgery and is doing well. "She's been waiting on me hand and foot ever since," Bert Allen grinned. "But I've got a lot of things I haven't done yet," he went on. "Everybody's supposed to have at least one good horse. I'm still working on my next one."

/Maggie Furbay

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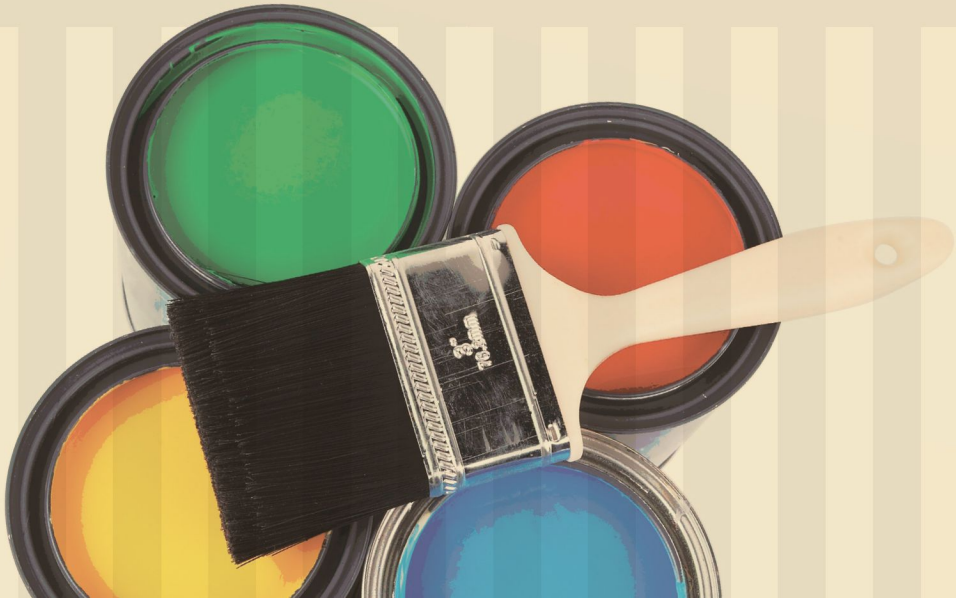

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JAMES MORAN: NOTED MARYLAND BREEDER

James M. (Jimmy) Moran Jr., who bred many noteworthy runners, including 2006 Maryland-bred Horse of the Year Les Arcs, at his Elk Manor Farm in North East, Md., died on April 9 following a brief illness.

Mr. Moran, 55, developed Elk Manor after starting in the Thoroughbred business in 1980 with his mother, Elizabeth Moran, and her Brushwood Stable in Malvern, Pa.

In addition to multiple Group 1 winner Les Arcs, the co-highweighted older horse in Great Britain at five to seven furlongs who also was named to Maryland-bred divisional titles for older male, sprinter and turf runner in 2006, Mr. Moran bred and/or raced Maryland-bred stakes winners Richetta (champion Maryland-bred 2-year-old filly of 2003), White Mountain Boy, Irish Osprey and 2007 Grade 1-placed Silver Knockers.

A serious student of pedigrees, he was involved in land development in Florida before turning his full attention to his farm about four years ago.

He was also a philanthropist, supporting causes involving horses and organizations to preserve the environment.

"Jimmy was a kind, gentle, brilliant guy," said his friend Robert Courtney of Crestfield Farm in Kentucky. "A great father, friend, husband, and a fine horseman, he will be sorely missed by many in the racing world."

Survivors, along with his mother, include his wife, Beatrice Clay Moran, daughters Katie and Meghan, and son, Matthew. His children intend to carry on the farm operation.

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LARRY M. WOLF

JASON SMITH

Larry M. Wolf, a longtime Maryland owner/breeder, died on April 17 at the age of 72.

Mr. Wolf, a retired Rouse Co. executive, was born in Washington, D.C. He earned an economics degree from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business and served in the Army before gaining employment with Rouse in the 1960s.

Named vice-president and director of the retail leasing division in 1972, he subsequently directed the leasing of numerous Rouse Co. urban festival marketplaces, including Boston's Faneuil Hall Marketplace, New York's South Street Seaport and Baltimore's Harborplace, 21 new regional shopping centers and 33 mall expansions.

In his later years with Rouse Co., before his retirement in 1997, he served as director of merchandising and creative services.

Mr. Wolf became involved with Thoroughbred ownership through Cot Campbell's Dogwood Stable partnerships, and in the early 1980s he and several others assembled a partnership of their own, campaigning as Starship Stables.

In the 1990s, he and his wife, Alice, campaigned stakes winners Platinum Punch and Lucky Sword, who became the nucleus of their small broodmare band.

Most recently, Mr. and Mrs. Wolf, whose stable name was Fast Kitty Farm, were partners and clients of Dark Hollow Farm proprietors David and JoAnn Hayden. The Wolfs co-bred and co-owned the Maryland-bred Dixie Union filly sold through the Niall Brennan stables consignment at this year's Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's March sale of 2-year-olds in training for $500,000 (second-highest price among fillies in the sale).

Mid-Atlantic states will resolve most of their differences in regard to anabolic steroids

By this time next year, every racing state in the Mid-Atlantic region will likely have jumped on the bandwagon, so to speak, regarding anabolic steroids.

As described on pages 20 to 26 of this magazine, getting there is turning out to be a halting, emotionally charged process—in other words, no different from a lot of other things that happen in the industry.

But in this instance all of the states in the region have firmly agreed on a common goal. That is eliminating the use of anabolic steroids in horses who are racing.

After more research data becomes available within the next several months, Mid-Atlantic states are likely to adjust their regulations accordingly, bringing them more closely in line with one another.

Total uniformity may be too much to hope for, but shipping from one Mid-Atlantic state to another to race should no longer require an anxious study of the rules. And the region, as a whole, will have closed a regulatory loophole that existed far too long. ✹

REGION DIVIDED OVER ANABOLIC STEROIDS

Uniformity—the original goal—remains elusive as racing states adopt varying rules and follow individual timetables in response to proposal by Racing Medication and Testing Consortium.

by Lucy Acton

Mid-Atlantic racing regulators gather routinely to discuss issues that affect the region. The meetings seldom draw a crowd. But every seat was filled, and every Mid-Atlantic jurisdiction was represented, when regulators met in early October 2007 in Fair Hill, Md.

The group had been asked to respond to a request from the RMTC [Racing Medication and Testing Consortium] to consider its model rule for regulating anabolic steroids.

On the surface, the RMTC's proposal seemed relatively simple. At the same time, aspects of it were revolutionary.

A national group that makes recommendations in conjunction with Racing Commissioners International, the RMTC had set out to advance a nationwide, uniform policy regulating the use of anabolic steroids.

Anabolic steroids, among the most commonly used medications on the race track, have not previously been regulated in the vast majority of jurisdictions throughout the country, including states within the Mid-Atlantic region.

A crackdown on their use strikes many people—racing regulators chief among them—as not only right, but long overdue.

What's more, if the nation's racing states could agree on a single, uniform policy aimed at ensuring that horses do not race with anabolic steroids in their system, it would be a milestone the likes of which racing has never seen before—the first time that a medication policy was adopted simultaneously throughout the country.

April 1, 2008, was the deadline set forth by the RMTC. And Mid-Atlantic regulators—many of them fired up over the cause—left that meeting last October with a strong intention to have the necessary changes in place by that date.

So far, uniformity remains elusive.

Three Mid-Atlantic racing states have proceeded with a steroid policy, each with a different twist—Pennsylvania, Delaware and Virginia (rules for those states appear on pages 22 and 23).

The other three—Maryland, New Jersey and West Virginia—are expected to establish rules for regulating steroids. When that will happen is an open question.

Regulators have stumbled, not over willingness to ban steroids, but over a section of the model rule that allows four commonly used anabolic steroids to be present at low levels: stanozolol (trade name Winstrol®), boldenone (Equipoise®), nandrolone (Durabolin) and testosterone.

Defining the cut-off point is now the major challenge.

Three of these substances—boldenone, nandrolone and testosterone—are not just administered as medications. They are also naturally produced, in varying amounts, by a horse's own system. Under the model rule, "threshold" values (i.e., the cut-off point at which the drug test is considered positive) are expected to be roughly equivalent to the level that naturally occurs in the horse. That, of course, is different from the customary practice that allows some medications to be pres-

ent at low ("non-therapeutic" levels) without leading to positive drug tests.

Adding to the confusion, the RMTC's model rule specifies threshold levels in urine, which requires a complicated, and thus expensive, testing procedure considered impractical for widespread use by equine drug-testing labs.

Research currently underway at the University of Florida and at Cornell University is expected to help establish guidelines for threshold levels in blood plasma, along with another key element—withdrawal times.

Right now, no one can say for sure how long it takes anabolic steroids to leave a horse's system, although the model rule states that "the androgenic anabolic steroids boldenone, nandrolone, stanozolol and testosterone shall not be administered within 30 days prior to a race."

The RMTC has been criticized by many within the industry for proposing its model rule without providing scientific data to assist in determining threshold levels and withdrawal times.

In response, the RMTC modified its original model rule, postponing the recommended launch until December 31, 2008, and urging states to adopt a 90-day grace period before enforcing penalties.

For Mid-Atlantic racing, in the spring and summer of 2008, the effect has been a fractured landscape, with uncertainties over possible violations and accusations that some states have acted too slowly and others too swiftly.

Pennsylvania became the first Mid-Atlantic state to begin anabolic steroid testing of horses in competition, putting its policy in effect on April 1.

Rick Abbott, chairman of the Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission, acknowledges that his group was "under a lot of pressure to push the start-up date back to December." However, he says, "We announced last fall that we would begin testing on April 1.

LYDIA A. WILLIAMS

Rick Abbott, chairman of the Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission, led that state to begin testing on April 1.

People take you at your word when you make an announcement like that." It's believed that many trainers took horses off of steroids in anticipation of the April 1 deadline, and "to back off would have done them a disservice," Abbott continues.

As of early May, results of the testing were "in line with what we expected to see," according to Abbott. "We've sent out quite a few letters of reprimand [for horses testing at levels between 200 and 999], and two horses have incurred penalties—loss of purse, etc."

Pennsylvania conducted a trial run of anabolic steroid testing in December, January and February, and found that "98 percent of the horses tested clean," Abbott says. "There were 25 positives; one trainer accounted for five of them, and another trainer had three. The others were scattered. That showed us we were headed in the right direction."

Drug tests on horses at Pennsylvania tracks are conducted at the Pennsylvania Equine Toxicology and Research Center at West Chester University, which has developed threshold levels in conjunction with the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine.

Abbott says the threshold levels currently in use in Pennsylvania will be reevaluated after data becomes available from the ongoing studies.

RMTC MODEL RULE

The Racing Medication and Testing Consortium (RMTC) has endorsed a December 31, 2008, deadline for nationwide adoption of model rules regulating the use of anabolic steroids in race horses.

The RMTC and Racing Commissioners International (RCI) model rule calls for the regulation of four androgenic anabolic steroids and bans the use of any other anabolic steroids in race horses. These four anabolic steroids, stanozolol (Winstrol®), boldenone (Equipoise®), nandrolone and testosterone, can be regulated through testing in blood and urine. Nandrolone and boldenone are naturally occurring in intact males, and testosterone is naturally occurring in all horses. All four are permitted for use in the horse by the FDA.

Concerning penalties, the RMTC and RCI recommend a $500 fine and disqualification of the horse for the first violation; a $1,000 fine, disqualification and a 15-day trainer suspension for the second violation in a 365-day period; and a $2,500 fine, disqualification and 30-day trainer suspension for the third violation in a 365-day period. These recommended penalties could be reduced or increased if warranted by extenuating circumstances. In addition, the RMTC strongly encourages state racing commissions to give the horsemen sufficient forewarning before starting the penalty phase of the anabolic steroids model rule after final adoption.

When a state racing commission implements the RMTC and RCI androgenic anabolic steroid model rule, there should be a 90-day grace period before the penalty enforcement begins; subsequent penalties should be in accord with the RMTC and RCI uniform model penalties. The trainer and owner should be notified if there is an anabolic steroid overage during the 90-day grace period.

The androgenic anabolic steroids boldenone, nandrolone, stanozolol and testosterone shall not be administered within 30 days prior to a race.

One of those four anabolic steroids may be administered more than 30 days prior to the race only if all of the following conditions are met:

- The anabolic steroid is administered by a licensed veterinarian in connection with the diagnosis of illness or injury in the horse for which the steroid is necessary; and,
- The veterinarian must complete a treatment report and files the report with the appropriate regulatory designee within 24 hours of the treatment; and,
- The horse must test below the stated model rule threshold concentration prior to being allowed to enter to race.
- Only licensed veterinarians may possess the above anabolic steroids and administer them to race horses. They shall not be dispensed for administration by personnel associated with the horse.
- Claimed horses may be tested for the presence of anabolic steroids at the request of the claimant and results shall be reported to the regulatory body. Upon a positive test, the claim may be voided at the option of the claimant, and testing costs shall be borne by the original owner. If the test is negative, the claimant shall reimburse the regulatory body for the costs of testing.
- Withdrawal times are variable and nothing in this policy should be interpreted as condoning the use of anabolic and androgenic steroids in horses intended to race.

Maryland, meanwhile, has opted to wait for results of the research before making its move. Maryland Racing Commission chairman John Franzone admits he's "gotten a lot of nastygrams" because of that position, but he's confident it's the right approach.

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Maryland Racing Commission chairman John Franzone wants more data before formulating rules.

"We don't want Maryland to seem like a place for using drugs," he says. "On the other hand, the thresholds are the big question, and we still don't have the answers. In order for the testing to begin, we have to know how to test and what to test for."

At the Fair Hill meeting last October, Franzone was at the forefront of those calling for action, and his feelings haven't changed: "These medications have no place in a horse on race day," he says.

The cumbersome nature of the state's rules-changing process has factored in the Maryland Racing Commission's wait-and-see approach.

Franzone brought the issue to the table at last February's commission meeting, only to be warned by the commission's counsel that once a rule is in place it can't be amended (i.e., revised to fit new information about threshold levels) without starting the process anew. That process normally requires several months to complete.

Delaware implemented its testing program with the beginning of the 2008 Delaware Park meet, on April 19. But a "broad transition period" will extend until September 30, says John Wayne, executive director of the Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission.

"We've had some complaints from horsemen," adds Wayne. "We don't want to be on an island, but we notified horsemen back in December 2007 that this was going to happen. We're trying to phase it in."

Wayne pointed out that allowing horses to race with anabolic steroids in their system creates potential health risks

DELAWARE

Administrative policy for the period April 19, 2008, through September 30, 2008, termed as a "transition period" with respect to four steroids: testosterone, nandrolone, boldenone and stanozolol. All other steroid use prohibited.

Voluntary out-of-competition testing available without penalty. The cost of this plasma screening test ($35) will be borne by owner/trainer requesting the test.

Policy applies to nandrolone, boldenone and stanozolol in all race horses, and testosterone in females and gelded males. Testosterone in intact males treated separately.

• Test result at plasma concentrations below 200 picograms per milliliter considered negative test result.

• Test result at plasma concentration levels between 200 and 999 picograms per milliliter will result in letters of reprimand to the owner and trainer of the horse informing them of the test result, of the fact that the horse will be tested again the next time that it runs, and of the possible consequences should the plasma concentration level of the steroid(s) detected in the horse rise by 10 percent or more on the next test. If, in any subsequent test of the same horse, the plasma concentration rises more than 10 percent it will be considered a second offense. Should test results on the same horse rise more than 10 percent again on any subsequent test, it will be considered a third offense.

• Test result at plasma concentration levels at or above 1,000 picograms per milliliter will be sanctioned as a first offense.

• With respect to testosterone levels in intact male horses: Test result at plasma concentration levels below 1,000 picograms per milliliter will be considered a negative test result; test result at plasma concentration levels of 1,000 to 1,999 picograms per milliliter will result in the letters of reprimand and retesting policies; test result at plasma concentration levels of 2,000 picograms per milliliter and above will be sanctioned as a first offense.

SANCTIONS

• First offense: Horse will be placed on stewards' list (i.e., horse cannot race again until it tests below 200 picograms or 1,000 picograms with respect to testosterone in intact male horses), any purse money for which horse might have qualified will be forfeited, and trainer will be assessed the cost of the plasma screen and confirmation test ($535).

• Second offense: Horse will be placed on stewards' list, any purse money for which horse might have qualified will be forfeited, and the trainer will be assessed a $500 fine, costs of drug testing ($535) and have license suspended for 15 days.

• Third offense: Horse will be placed on the stewards' list, any purse money for which the horse might have qualified will be forfeited, and the trainer will be assessed a $1,000 fine, costs of drug testing ($535) and have license suspended for 30 days.

• Should a horse be claimed out of a race in which it is found to have incurred a first, second or third offense, the claimant may void the claim.

PENNSYLVANIA

Following is policy for period of April 1, 2008, to September 30, 2008, with respect to four steroids: nandrolone, boldenone, stanozolol and testosterone (in females and gelded males). All other steroid use prohibited.

Voluntary out-of-competition testing available.

• Test result at plasma concentrations below 200 picograms per milliliter considered negative test result.

• Test result at plasma concentration levels between 200 and 999 picograms per milliliter will result in letters of reprimand to the owner and trainer of the horse informing them of the test result, of the fact that the horse will be tested again the next time that it runs, and of the possible consequences should the plasma concentration level of the steroid(s) detected in the horse rise by 10 percent or more on the next test. If, in any subsequent test of the same horse, the plasma concentration rises more than 10 percent it will be considered a second offense. Should test results on the same horse rise more than 10 percent again on any subsequent test, it will be considered a third offense.

• Test result at plasma concentration levels at or above 1,000 picograms per milliliter will be sanctioned as a first offense.

not only for the animals, but also for the riders and grooms who care for them.

"Decreased bone density. . . fractiousness—these can be side effects of the medication," he says. "The term 'therapeutic' has been misused."

When Colonial Downs opens for live racing, on June 9, a steroid program will be firmly in place, says Virginia Racing Commission executive secretary Stan Bowker. Virginia is the only state in the region to offer free pre-race testing for anabolic steroids.

"This is not a 'gotcha' experience," says Bowker. "It's an effort to rid the sport of anabolic steroids. We are working with horsemen to make the transition as easy as possible." Pre-race testing is aimed at "preventing mistakes and innocent positives," Bowker adds.

The Virginia Racing Commission employs the Iowa State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, which "has been conducting testing on anabolic steroids for more than 14 years," says Bowker. "With its expertise, plus our desire to regulate, we're in a good position to regulate anabolic steroid use."

John Wayne, executive director of the Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission, is overseeing a "broad transition period."

New Jersey and West Virginia are moving toward steroid regulation, but testing is not on the horizon in either state.

Although the state rules-changing process has begun, it "won't be a factor" at the current Monmouth Park meet extending through September 28, says the New Jersey Racing Commission's deputy director, Mike Vukcevich.

"Several months into 2009, at the soonest" is the estimate of Joe Cuomo, director of audits for the West Virginia Racing Commission. For West Virginia to begin regulating steroids will require a change in state law, Cuomo explained, and the legislature is not scheduled to convene again in regular session until January 2009. ✹

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PENALTIES

• First offense: Horse to be placed on the vet's list (i.e., the horse cannot race again until it tests below 200 picograms), any purse money for which the horse might have qualified will be forfeited, and the trainer will be assessed a $500 fine.

• Second offense: Horse to be placed on the vet's list, any purse money for which the horse might have qualified will be forfeited, and the trainer will be assessed a $1,000 fine and have his or her license suspended for 15 days.

• Third offense: Horse to be placed on the vet's list, any purse money for which the horse might have qualified will be forfeited, trainer will be assessed $2,500 fine and have his or her license suspended for 30 days.

• Should a horse be claimed out of a race in which it is found to have incurred a first, second or third offense, claimant may void the claim.

VIRGINIA

All androgenic and anabolic steroids are prohibited in racing horses, except as provided below. Virginia Racing Commission offers free pre-race testing for these substances.

• Residues of the major metabolite of stanozolol, nandrolone, boldenone and testosterone at concentrations less than the thresholds indicated below are permitted in test samples collected from racing horses.

• Concentrations of these substances shall not exceed the following total threshold concentrations (i.e., free drug or metabolite and drug or metabolite liberated from its conjugates):

—Metabolite of stanozolol: 1 ng/ml in urine for all horses regardless of gender.

—Boldenone: 15 ng/ml in urine in male horses other than geldings. No boldenone is permitted in geldings or female horses.

—Nandrolone: 1 ng/ml in urine in geldings, fillies, and mares; 45 ng/ml in urine in male horses other than geldings.

—Testosterone: 20 ng/ml in urine in geldings; 55 ng/ml in urine in fillies and mares; male horses other than geldings will not be tested.

• The presence of more than one of the four substances at concentrations greater than individual thresholds indicated is prohibited.

• Test samples collected from male horses other than geldings must be so identified to the laboratory.

• Any horse administered an androgenic or anabolic steroid to assist in recovery from illness or injury may be placed on veterinarian's list in order to monitor the concentration of the drug or metabolite in urine. After concentration has fallen below designated threshold, horse is eligible to be removed from list.

• Stewards shall take disciplinary actions for reports of quantitative testing by the primary testing laboratory indicating presence of one or more androgenic or anabolic steroid at concentrations above individual thresholds.

PENALTIES

• For first violation regarding a particular horse, absent mitigating factors, recommended penalties are disqualification and loss of purse; fine up to $1,000 at the stewards' discretion if aggravating factors are found; and horse shall be placed on veterinarian's list until concentration has fallen below designated threshold level.

• For second violation in a 365-day period for same horse, absent mitigating factors, recommended penalties are disqualification and loss of purse; fine of $2,500, 90-day suspension; and horse shall be placed on veterinarian's list until concentration has fallen below the designated threshold level.

• For third violation in a 365-day period for same horse, absent mitigating factors, recommended penalties are a disqualification and loss of purse; revocation of permit; and horse shall be placed on veterinarian's list until concentration has fallen below designated threshold level.

A SCIENTIFIC VIEW OF THE SITUATION

George Maylin directs the most active drug-testing laboratory in the country—the New York State Racing and Wagering Board Drug Testing and Research Program, based at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y. He has served in that capacity since 1971.

A veterinarian (DVM, University of Guelph, 1965) as well as a pharmacologist (Ph.D., Cornell University, 1971), Maylin has developed many drug tests currently in use in the U.S. and throughout the world. He is widely sought after as a consultant in his field, and is a member of several national policymaking groups, including the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium (RMTC)'s Scientific Advisory Committee, which sought Maylin's input after problems surfaced with the RMTC's model anabolic steroids rule.

Maylin was interviewed by *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred* editor Lucy Acton.

Many of our readers are probably concerned—and, quite frankly, confused—over the emerging policies regarding steroids. We're hoping that you can provide a scientific overview of the situation.

It's a very complicated issue, it's going to be very expensive to solve if it can be solved, and this is the tip of the iceberg of a whole bunch of drugs.

Obviously this is not a new issue for you.

In the 1980s, researchers at Cornell (Maylin and others) recognized this as a problem area—anabolic steroids. We had a number of publications, from the mid-'80s, and the racing industry wasn't interested then in regulating (steroids). The industry didn't see the problem that was going to be forthcoming.

It took 30 years to get to be the problem we thought it would be way back in the 1980s.

Was there as much steroid use in the 1980s as there is now?

There are more steroids available now, but steroid use was rampant in the '80s. I would say not much more than now. They've always been used. There were no regulations put on them, and no attempt at regulating them.

So obviously the genie got out of the bottle. And it's got to be—I don't think any more of a problem of abuse or use—but it's become a political, or publicity, problem.

It's really a publicity problem right now. And it's a spin-off, of course, of the football players and baseball players. People have equated the problems of racing to the problems of human sports. I don't think that's quite a fair analogy.

The four steroids that are of concern—testosterone, boldenone, nandrolone and stanozolol—are approved for use in horses by the Food and Drug Administration. They have been classified by the racing industry as Schedule Four drugs, which means they are not too involved, if you will, compared to some other drugs.

Anabolic steroids other than the four we're talking about are Schedule Three drugs, more restricted, under the RCI (Racing Commissioners International)'s classification system.

As it turns out, the four steroids to be regulated are a difficult class of drugs to test for, especially testosterone, boldenone and nandrolone, because they're present in colts, geldings and fillies. You have to establish a cutoff. And find the right cutoff to use. The cutoff number is different for each gender. It gets more complicated, because the levels rise and fall as a function of the season of the year, as far as the mare goes, their estrus cycles, and you have a number that's going up and down quite dramatically. That has so far been totally ignored in formulating these rules.

Research to help establish cutoff, or withdrawal, times is underway in Florida as we speak, and more studies are planned, so clearly the RMTC did not have a data base on which to formulate its model rule.

Can we find these drugs a year after administration? Highly unlikely. Can we find them for three months, at a low level? Yes. Is there an effect at three months? Probably not. It's a residue level. All these questions have to be answered.

Suffice to say, we have more questions than we do answers.

You're not saying that horses should race on steroids?

No, not at all.

No doubt anabolic steroids are abused. Horses get them that probably don't need them, certainly don't need them.

There are some medical reasons for the use of anabolic steroids. One condition: Fillies often tie up, and testosterone is an effective treatment. But all fillies don't tie up. Somebody has to use some medical judgment in what drugs are going to be used for what conditions. And right now, veterinarians go through a stable and inject them all—with whatever is the drug of the day. And that is wrong.

The four anabolic steroids that will be regulated should be used only for a documented medical reason; they can only be administered by a veterinarian. The veterinarian must administer them himself to the horse—he can't leave a bottle for the trainer. And if he does not abide by those rules he can be in significant trouble with the drug enforcement people, and not only lose his license for drugs, but also maybe even lose his license to practice veterinary medicine.

What I've recommended as a model rule is that anabolic steroids be forbidden within 60 days of racing. Between 60 days and 30 days if an animal has a medical problem that is diagnosed by a veterinarian and treated by a veterinarian, and records are supplied in a timely manner of what's been done, then I think they should be permitted.

You say the four medications should be regulated and the others completely banned?

Yes. If they're there—it's forbidden.

Do you see all these issues being resolved in the near future?

The April 1 deadline (originally announced for the Mid-Atlantic region) was, to me, ludicrous. It wasn't going to happen. It would shut down racing. I'm doing a survey now at NYRA (New York Racing Association tracks) and, like Pennsylvania found, there's a 60 percent use. Up to 60 percent. It depends on the track, and the days of the week, etc. But it's a high percentage use of these steroids. It's become a way of life.

Steroids in a horse don't allow a horse to run hot and cold, like a local anesthetic that might mask pain and the horse runs better. It's more of a long-term effect. It's almost a training aid. Fillies and geldings who are stressed may not want to train for two weeks. In the presence of an anabolic steroid, it gets them back to being aggressive again and they can go on into training. Steroids have become a big crutch for trainers, in helping them get horses back into racing again after a race. As you know, some fillies will stand in a corner and sulk and just don't want to do anything; anabolic steroids have been effective in getting them through that and back to work.

That's a problem that most people don't understand. If you had cut racing away from steroids on April 1, you'd have had a change in form in these horses like you couldn't believe.

It's a very subtle thing. If somebody's not used to the training of race horses, not a horseman, they don't understand this.

How long will it take, reasonably, to get this under some kind of control?

The gross abuse will be controllable by the first of the year (2009). But trainers will figure out ways of skinning the cat, so to speak. The current studies at the University of Florida are using aqueous testosterone. It will have a very quick disappearance. And what is often used in race horses are the esters, which stay around for a long time in the body. There's going to be a big debacle here—"I gave it three months and I got a positive. How can this be? Your data shows if you give testosterone it's cleared the system in 14 days."

So there will be a rash of positives?

There will be a rash of positives.

First of all, we have to decide: Are you abolishing steroids or regulating them?

And I think it's fair to abolish all anabolic steroids exclusive of those four. I don't think you can abolish those four, because three of them are endogenous concentrations (produced, in lower levels, by the horse's own body). Stanozolol is a little bit different; that is a synthetic steroid.

If you're going to regulate them, you have to know what the thresholds are. And that's not going to be straightforward. As I said earlier, you've got three genders, three different levels, and all modulated by season, work exercise and estrus cycle as it pertains. So it's not going to be a clear number.

We have geldings here—one nanogram per milliliter of urine of nandrolone. 1.2 is illegal? 0.9 is OK? Analytically, that's very difficult to say, 1.0 vs. 1.1 or 0.9.

In something so simple as a radar speed trap—they don't pick up you up at 52 when 50 is the speed limit. There's a fudge factor. The same thing happens with laboratories. When you get down to a low level it's very difficult to attain high accuracy. You have to have a window.

The other thing that no one has discussed is the cost. There are people who *say* they've been regulating steroids. I don't believe they've been calling down to the levels where the rules say they're going to call them, and I just don't think that's the way to do anabolic steroids.

Talking about anabolic steroids—there are at least 48 of them out there. So if you're going to put the squeeze on those four, guess what they're going to? All the others. And if they go to all of them, the testing gets very expensive.

Europeans have used urine (testing); they've made a passion of testing for steroids in urine, and it's very labor-intensive. Pennsylvania had the right idea of doing blood; it's very simple, as far as help goes, but you also need really good equipment. To do this, you need a $300,000 to $500,000 instrument, to do it properly. You can do it cheaper, but you get cheap results.

We get perhaps $40 a sampling in our program, for doing what we do now. It's going to cost an add-on $50 or $60 for us to do this. We do 30,000 urines here—30,000—so figure out how much it's going to cost. A lot of money. And we don't have that in our budget.

In order for these racing jurisdictions to do a bang-up job of testing for anabolics, they're basically going to have to shut down the rest of their testing program.

So what's the answer? Obviously that can't happen.

I think you'll have to ask the regulators. . . The people paying the bill are the individual racing commissions, the state jurisdictions. I can't think of any state jurisdiction that has money to burn.

Far from it; they're going the opposite way.

Absolutely going the opposite way.

That covers the major problems. People talk about a level playing field, uniform rules. You could not have any of that until there was uniform funding. It all starts with funding. If you take one of the poorer labs in the country and say, "Okay, tell me what you need to do this job," they would be as good as the best labs in the country. The one thing that often determines the quality of the lab is funding, and the poorer labs are the ones who go for the lowest bid.

Going back to the 1980s when you started looking at this, did you have a vision then of how this was going to play out?

Way back then, I was labeled as the "hay, oats and water guy." Because we had phenylbutazone, the non-steroidal anti-inflammatories that were used with reckless abandon, we had furosemide that was coming into use with reckless abandon. We had federal hearings back then—the corrupt racing practices act. And the reason that came about is because there was reckless use of these drugs—just like now with anabolics. And another class of drugs that are steroids, the corticosteroids. They're far more harmful than the anabolics. And they're not even talked about.

I was of the opinion, still am, that there's a handful of drugs that should be available to horsemen to treat their horses, but not all this other stuff.

I was looking at a whole range of things—not just foreseeing problems with anabolics; I foresaw problems with non-steroidals, corticosteroids and certainly anabolics. It became a bone of contention, in an odd way, through the human problems. But the problems with weightlifters and the track people, exactly the same. I'm sure there are people who benefit from an anabolic steroid, for whatever reason, but that should not make it available to everybody.

What we need is a rational approach. And if we're talking about anabolic steroids—this filly has been diagnosed as tying up every time she races a hard race, and she will recover rapidly with the injection of testosterone, and we won't race her back for three weeks. That, to me, is a rational approach. Whether or not it will be done, I don't know. I made the recommendation, but that doesn't mean too much. I've made recommendations before.

I think horsemen need to know what they can do, and what they can't do. The process has to have some degree of transparency. I think many people do not do something knowingly in violation of the rule. If there is no concrete rule, then in theory they violate it. You're going to use it, I'm going to use it. It can't hurt, only help.

So I think the horsemen need to be told—"You can use these four drugs. You have to have a medical reason. You have to have medical records. You have to make sure that your schedule four drugs are under control. And if you follow these rules, there's a good chance that you will not be in violation."

If you don't have a speedometer in your car, how do you know how fast you are going? Maybe you're going 65 when the limit is 50. But if you knew, because of your speedometer, you were going 65, then you would probably slow down.

Does any of the research you are currently doing with the horses at Cornell (more than 20 horses kept as research subjects) involve anabolic steroids?

We are doing drug administration trials with anabolic steroids. We're working with blood; that is the way to go—it's so much simpler than urine. What we have to do is develop a data base.

Way back in the '80s we did trials for anabolic steroids—stanozolol, boldenone. We knew the metabolites, how they were excreted. The new instruments are perhaps 100 times more sensitive, so we find them longer, but it's the same process.

We knew then that analyzing these drugs in urine was a nightmare. It's not difficult; it's just very laborious, and it takes man hours. You get a urine sample, and you have to extract the anabolic steroid away from the urine matrix. That turns out to be quite difficult, because in the urine they're present as conjugates.

If it's a simple urine extract, it might take half an hour. To do an anabolic in urine, you're probably looking at three to four hours. That's not somebody paying attention to it for three or four hours, but it's probably three times more work intensive than our normal work.

How about the potential effects of anabolic steroids on a horse's reproductive capacity?

There's a lot of opinion, and a rather limited amount of fact. I'm not an expert in the reproductive aspect of it. But certainly it impairs fertility of stallions for a while; sometimes, maybe forever. That's probably the largest impact—on a stallion.

In the female, I think it can be a temporary problem, but they seem to come back. So if you put a horse out of racing who's been on anabolic steroids, say in November, that filly may not cycle properly for that breeding season. But the next breeding season, she'll probably be okay.

Anecdotally, people will tell you that they're seeing problems with mares that they didn't see 20 or 30 years ago.

That could well be. I personally don't have any such data. I think they're assuming that the animals have been treated with anabolics. We have mares donated to us here. It takes at least 60 days when you don't have to put a shank over their nose to take them out to the paddock. When they say that anabolics only have an effect for three weeks, I don't believe that. These are aggressive critters for 60, 90 days.

You think it's steroids doing that?

Yes. The mares have a crested neck; they act like studs. Of our females, not a single one that's been here for a while do we put a shank over their nose. That's pretty definitive. Whether or not that really interferes with their breeding cycle. . . I could imagine it makes things hairy in the breeding shed.

In summary?

I'm not an advocate for the use of anabolic steroids; I'm an advocate for the rational use of them. I think the four compounds that have been identified can be regulated, but right now we don't have the necessary data in hand. I disagree with the people who have pushed these rules and regulations to the forefront. I think almost everybody would agree that they ran ahead of themselves. There has to be a nationwide, uniform approach to it.

You can't have individual states doing what they do, the RMTC doing what it may or might not do, the individual racing jurisdictions across the country doing what they may want to do. ✹

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Battleship's amazing blast from the past

Seventy years ago Virginia horsewoman Marion duPont Scott sent Battleship overseas to become the first American-bred and American-owned winner of the English Grand National. Today, footage of the actual race is on the Internet for all to watch. by Joe Clancy

Battleship is shown with his English rider, 17-year-old Bruce Hobbs.

Watching an online video of a horse race that took place 70 years ago seems almost surreal. But it's almost as easy as viewing a replay of last year's Preakness. Go to www.youtube.com and type "Battleship Grand National" in the search box. A few clicks later, you'll see a grainy, black-and-white movie of one of the greatest feats in Thoroughbred racing—the 1938 English Grand National.

In the style of an old-fashioned news reel, the announcer begins:

Once again a few acres of farmland outside Liverpool becomes the focal center of the sporting world, a magnet that draws hundreds of thousands from every corner of the globe. This year the result is more open than ever and the flags of Britain, France and America above the stands show that the field is in the National.

So long ago that few people alive remember the actual moment, Battleship's victory came despite innumerable strikes against him. Consider that Battleship was:

- An 11-year-old stallion
- Barely 15.2 hands tall
- American-bred and American-owned
- Listed at more than 40-1 by bookmakers
- Ridden by 17-year-old Bruce Hobbs, the son of trainer Reg Hobbs

And that list does not include the race's usual obstacles—four and a half miles, 35 other horses and 30 difficult fences of varying shapes, sizes and configurations.

This year it's a field of 36—36 tough, hard-bred steeplechasers. Not as shapely or as beautiful as the stars of the flat but when there's four and a half of the world's toughest miles ahead they don't carry an ounce more flesh than they need.

Like most of today's steeplechasers, Battleship began life as a flat horse. Bred in Kentucky by Walter Salmon's Mereworth Farm, Battleship carried high expectations as a son of the country's greatest Thoroughbred, Man o' War.

The small but solid chestnut won as a 2-year-old and scored in Bowie's James Rowe Memorial Handicap at 3 while hinting at higher aspirations.

The next year, he won the Great Lakes Handicap at Hawthorne.

Always in search of quality steeplechase prospects, legendary Virginia horsewoman Marion duPont Scott bought the then 4-year-old Battleship and Annapolis (another son of Man o' War) from Salmon in 1931 to stock her Montpelier steeplechase stable. She liked their breeding and their constitutions. Though small, Battleship possessed the structure of a bigger horse.

"He wouldn't have won the head-over-the-stall-door contest, that's for sure," says Mason Grasty, the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic executive vice-president who grew up near Montpelier, Scott's showplace farm in Orange, Va., and saw Battleship in retirement. "He was a little bad-headed sucker to look at, but he had a fair amount of bone. There was a lot to him that way and that's what made him so good."

Scott bred and raced horses with a passion few others matched—keeping stallions, mares, flat horses, steeplechasers and foxhunters at Montpelier, and at a winter training facility in Camden, S.C. She and her brother, Delaware Park founder William duPont Jr., were responsible for several of today's most active steeplechase courses—Montpelier, Fair Hill and Springdale chief among them.

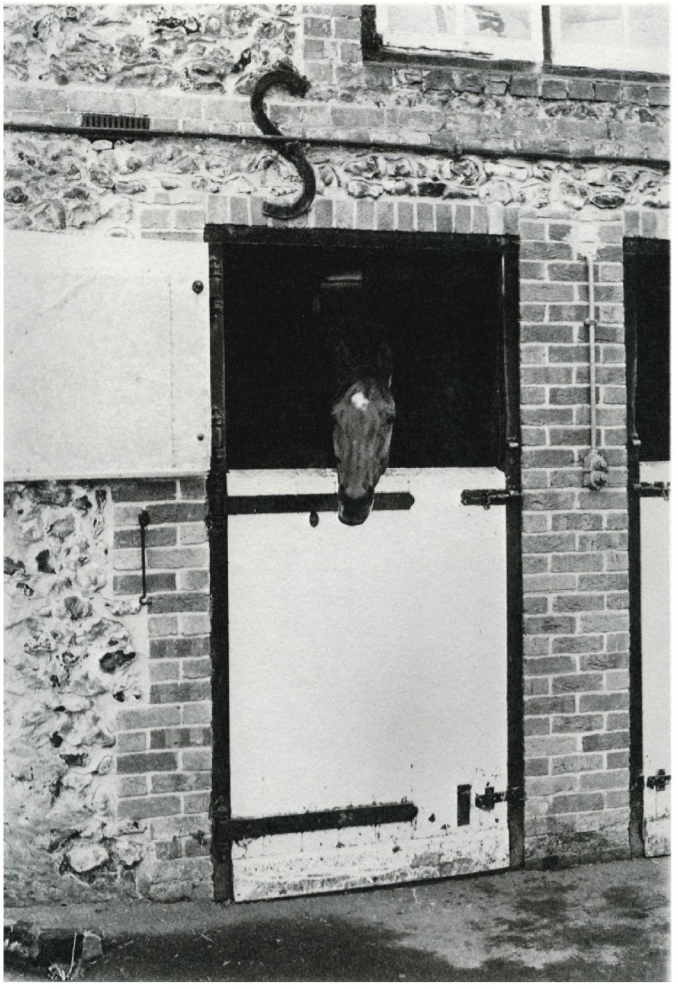
"She had godmother status in steeplechasing," said Grasty. "She basically saved the game in the 1970s, and before that she didn't let much stop her when it came to trying to campaign quality horses."

Battleship was just such a horse. The rugged chestnut overcame foot problems soon after his purchase by Scott and learned to jump under the guidance of trainer/rider Noel Laing. Battleship skipped the 1932 season and made his steeplechase debut as a 6-year-old. Trained by Preston M. Burch, he won three times in four starts, including scores in the Billy Barton at Pimlico and National Hunt Club Steeplechase at Brookline in Massachusetts. In 1934, he repeated in the National Hunt Club and took the American Grand National at Belmont Park.

Battleship (on the inside, #5, blinkers) led over Becher's Brook on the second circuit, by a length over Royal Danieli (#6) in the middle and Delachance (#11), nearest the camera. Nearing the finish, Battleship was taken to the outside to avoid riderless horses. He went on to defeat Royal Danieli by a neck.

The latter victory, in deep going and against more experienced horses, convinced Scott that England and the Grand National should come next. So Battleship went to English trainer Reg Hobbs's yard in Lambourn for the 1936 to '37 season. The goal? Aintree. Scott's horse Trouble Maker, who won the Maryland Hunt Cup in 1932, tried the great English race in 1933, but struggled home a well-beaten 15th. Battleship was a better horse, Scott believed.

"I learned that a high-class horse was needed to win, that



Diminutive Battleship peers out over his box door in Reginald Hobbs's yard in Lambourn, England. The trainer's son, Bruce Hobbs, rides him out.

while those big English and Irish jumpers looked like the kind of horse you think a fat man would ride in the hunting field, they were misleading. Very misleading," she told writer Gerald Strine in her memoir *Montpelier*. "They could turn it on. They would fool you now and then with their speed. My preconception of them was wrong. They were better than I thought. But once I got Battleship I knew he had enough class for the Grand National. Battleship had proven that in winning the American Grand National. . . So I sent him to England."

Battleship and stablemate War Vessel arrived in August 1936. Hobbs met them at the docks and kept his client informed of the horses' progress via Western Union telegrams at least once a month, and also in letters signed "yours obediently, Reggie Hobbs." Soon, Battleship showed great promise—winning five times that first season (all with Hobbs's son Bruce in the saddle)—although Hobbs squelched Scott's thoughts of running in the 1937 Grand National via a two-page letter sent in March of that year. The trainer worried over the horse's size, lack of scope and ability to jump in the heavy English going.

Season two began in November 1937, and Battleship struggled early with just one win from his first eight starts. The ninth run—March 8, 1938—came at Cheltenham and Battleship performed much more credibly. Wearing blinkers for the first time, the American finished third in a sharp effort, beaten less than a length under high weight of 169 pounds, including substitute jockey Tommy McNeil.

Hobbs still worried about the big race. His son was third in the jockeys' standings at the time, and could have ridden one of several live Grand National mounts—some fancied above Battleship. Hobbs felt the American horse was up against it.

"Mind you, I didn't want to run Battleship in the Grand National," Hobbs told Strine. "And I didn't want my boy Bruce to ride him. . . I was afraid Battleship might get hurt at Liverpool and I was also afraid my boy would get a ruddy bad fall."

For her part, Scott insisted. She talked to her trainer—often—and even agreed to pay double the standard mount fee to secure Bruce's services. The day of the race, she walked the course with Reg Hobbs, and the trainer still wanted to scratch. The horse wasn't cut out for Aintree, Hobbs said, and could have a solid career on standard English 'chase courses.

"I had it out with him right there, on the course," Scott said in the book. "I'd been disappointed that Battleship hadn't run in the Grand National the first year he was in England. Hobbs wasn't going to down me again, a second straight year. I told him Battleship was going home to Virginia the next week."

Hobbs relented, and sent Battleship to the start, but not before making two significant changes. He added 18 inches of rein to the bridle (to help his son give the horse his head at the drop fences) and put stickers on Battleship's hind shoes to help with the potentially slippery going.

And now the starter is at the post and the racing world holds its breath.

Among those holding their breath were a persistent American owner and a nervous English trainer. An outsider in the betting, far smaller than the prototypical steeplechaser, their horse looked to be overmatched on the biggest stage in their sport.

And the trainer's teenage son was in the saddle.

Two minutes and 11 seconds into the video and six fences into the race, Battleship made his presence felt—looming toward the front at the famous Becher's Brook (a 4'10" hedge with a 2' brook and a 2' drop on the landing side).

Up to Becher's and here is the shape of things to come. . . Battleship comes up almost alongside the leader, then Royal Danieli. . .

The commentary, obviously produced after the race, hints of the race's outcome and importance. Battleship gets mentioned frequently, though Royal Danieli (one of the favorites) plays a big role. Halfway through the race, Battleship nearly goes down at The Chair—the race's biggest fence at 5'2".

If he had, what a different story . . .

From there, it's like any other race. Battleship keeps pace and makes ground while battling with Royal Danieli, Workman and Drim. The latter drops back, leaving Workman and Royal Danieli on the lead. Workman (who would win the next year) tires suddenly just before the final fence as Battleship ranges toward Royal

Danieli entering the long final straight. On the stands side, Battleship relentlessly gallops, extends his stride and collars the leader in the final yards, appearing to win by more than the head listed but no more than a half-length.

Now comes the most terrific finish that Aintree has seen for years. . . Battleship on the near side comes up to challenge Royal Danieli. . . Battleship wins by a head. The Grand National will go down to history as the race that was won by a lad of 17 and the first time that victory has come to an American-bred horse. Battleship's owner Mrs. Scott is so excited she hasn't the nerve to lead in the winner . . .

Well, she had the nerve—just not the shoe. She broke a heel trying to get down from the stands. Accompanied by Carroll Bassett (Battleship's first steeplechase jockey back in the States), his friend Ed Conklin, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jeffords—and peering through thousands of others in the stand—Scott wasn't sure her horse had won.

"When we got down off the County Stand at Aintree, to the unsaddling paddock. . . the unsaddling area was numbered 1, 2, 3 with stalls for the first three horses," Scott reported in *Montpelier*. "There were two steps going up to the building, and I couldn't see anything until Carroll and Ed made a seat for me with their hands and I stood on their hands and they pushed me up, about two feet—and then I could see chestnut ears in Number 1. The other ears were bay. That's when I knew. Battleship was a chestnut."

Battleship returned to Hobbs's hometown of Lambourn as a hero, with a parade down the main street (drums, cymbals, American and British flags, scores of children and salutes for trainer and jockey). Back home, *Time* magazine wrote about the race. In June, Battleship steamed into New York harbor aboard the S.S. Manhattan. Among the throng on the dock was Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia.

Battleship never raced again, retiring to stud at Montpelier, where Annapolis also held court. Limited mainly to home mares, Battleship sired 58 foals from 15 crops, getting 42 starters, 33 winners and 11 stakes winners. His sons War Battle and Shipboard won steeplechase championships in 1947 and 1956, respectively.

Annapolis fared better, and left a lasting mark as the sire of standout broodmare Accra, who produced six stakes winners, including legendary steeplechaser Neji and turf champion Mongo. Eventually, Thoroughbred racing's Hall of Fame called Battleship, Neji and Bassett.

In retirement, Battleship was something of a celebrity. He had a private paddock that was off-limits to outsiders.

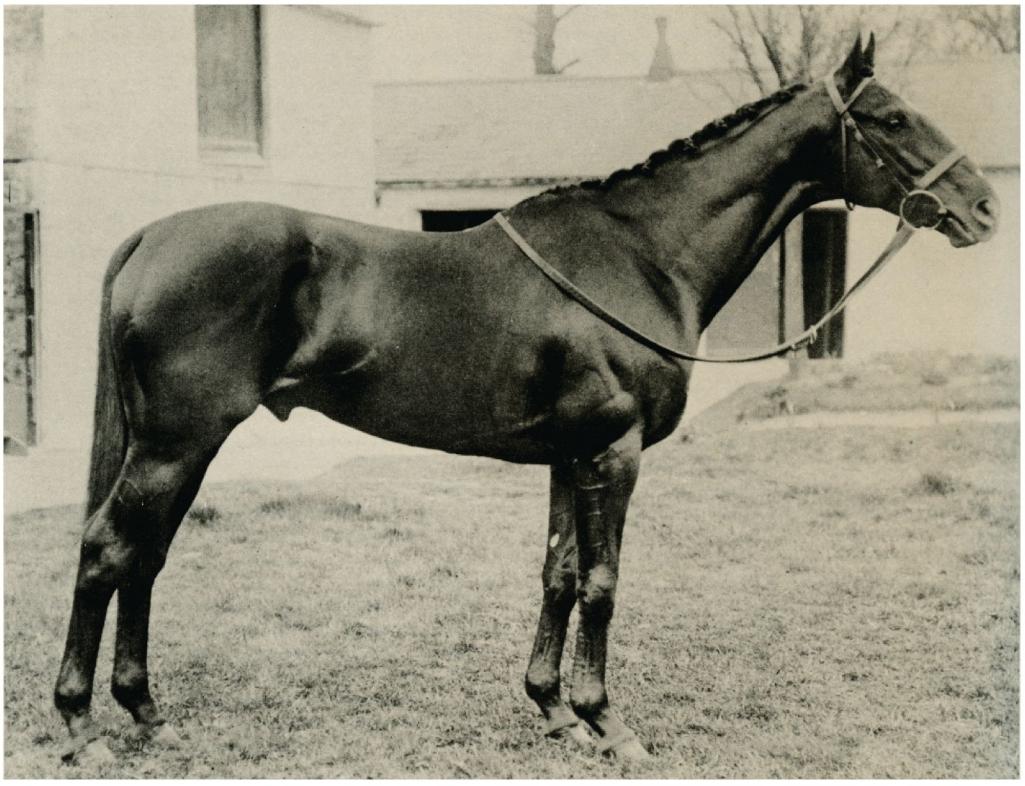
"We were not supposed to ride anywhere near Battleship or Annapolis," said Grasty, whose foxhunter named Talker (by Battleship out of Chatter Anne) was a gift from Scott. "The story then was Battleship once jumped out of the paddock after he got spooked and if anything ever happened to Battleship. . ."

The little horse of the big achievement lived until 1958. He died at 31 and is buried at Montpelier, next to Annapolis and Accra.

Scott passed away in 1983 but not before leaving a legacy of great horses and great work. Montpelier, once the home of President James Madison, now belongs to the National Trust for Historic Preservation and hosts racing each November. The Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center, operated by Virginia Tech in Leesburg, owes its origins to her.

Bruce Hobbs died in 2005 at 84 after a lengthy career as a flat trainer; his stars included an Irish Derby winner and three champion 2-year-old fillies.

Time has left little more than historical footnotes, books and black-and-white photos, but Battleship's achievement remains a vital part of steeplechasing history. ✹



Battleship stood only 15.2 hands but had the physical structure of a much larger horse.

Future Hall of Famers: Carroll Bassett rode Battleship early in his career.

Good Night Shirt returns at the top of the game

Heart, that elusive ingredient in quality Thoroughbreds, shows itself in stretch duels, signature performances and photo finishes. Race horses get tagged with having big hearts, showing a lot of heart, and losing heartbreakers.

But what does it all mean, and does the heart really matter? Trainer Jack Fisher offered his best guess on steeplechase champion Good Night Shirt: "We say things like, 'They have a lot of heart,' but I bet he's got a really big heart."

The Fisher-trained Good Night Shirt, who won last year's steeplechase Eclipse Award for owner Sonny Via, exhibited more heart than Hallmark on Valentine's Day to win his 2008 debut—the $100,000 Georgia Cup-NSA1 at the Atlanta Steeplechase in Kingston, Ga., on April 12.

Now 7, the powerful chestnut walked through the last fence, landed flat-footed behind Hip Hop, and still rallied in time to win by a length and a half with regular rider Willie Dowling aboard. A three-time Grade 1 winner in 2007, Good Night Shirt announced his intentions for this year with the score.

"The race did not set up for him at all. Nothing went his way, and he still won," said Fisher. "I'm glad he's in my barn. If I was anybody else I'd be scared of him."

Despite the untidy last fence, slippery going that didn't suit, a relatively short distance of two miles, and a 16-pound weight differential in Hip Hop's favor, Good Night Shirt won with something to spare.

Breaking alertly as usual, he led over the first two fences but yielded to Hip Hop (Padge Whelan) at the third, due in part to slipping on takeoff at the fence. With a circuit remaining, Mixed Up surged toward the front and ranged alongside Hip Hop. Third on the final turn, Good Night Shirt lost momentum at the 10th fence, regained it quickly at the top of the stretch, and flew over the 11th on even terms with Hip Hop. Prepared to roll right past, Good Night Shirt flubbed the last fence, and landed two lengths behind.

Like a train slowing down at a road crossing, Good Night Shirt got up to speed again and caught Hip Hop in the final 10 strides to win going away in 3:45.80. Mixed Up stayed on for third.

Dowling marveled at his horse's grit.

"He doesn't know when he's beat," said the jockey. "A lot of horses, if they made a mistake

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Last year's Eclipse Award winner Good Night Shirt, left, with regular rider Willie Dowling aboard, ran down Hip Hop (Padge Whelan) in the stretch of the Georgia Cup-NSA1.

like he did at the third fence on this ground when it's slippery, that kills their heart, their try. This horse seems to have a lot of heart and maybe that's what makes him a champion. It's a great privilege for me to be able to ride a horse like that."

Bred in Maryland by Tom and Chris Bowman, Good Night Shirt went over the $500,000 mark in American steeplechase earnings, just the 12th horse to do so. Six days after the Atlanta win, he was crowned steeplechase champion by the Maryland Horse Breeders Association—for the second consecutive year.

Polish up trophy number three.

SUPER DUTY AT KEENELAND

With the first two Grade 1 stakes of the season five days apart, trainers faced choices. Atlanta or Keeneland? Two miles, or two and a half? Allowance weights or handicap? Winner's value of $60,000 or $90,000-plus?

Fisher's decision to take Good Night Shirt to Atlanta was based on the weights—Keeneland gave a 162-pound assignment for Good Night Shirt and a spread of 27 pounds to the lowest-weighted starter.

"I would much rather go to Keeneland," Fisher said. "He does deserve that weight but I can't give 20 pounds away and feel confident—not to a horse [Sovereign Duty] who was third to him as equal weights [in the Colonial Cup last fall]."

Fisher seemed like a prophet after Sovereign Duty roared through the stretch like a dragster to win the $160,125 Royal Chase-NSA1 at Keeneland on April 17.

Owned by Hudson River Farms, the 6-year-old Sovereign Duty carried 142 pounds in what turned out to be a wide-open, six-horse field without Good Night Shirt and veteran stakes horse Preemptive Strike (who was scratched late with a tendon injury).

Sweet Shani (NZ) (Xavier Aizpuru), sent off as the 2-1 favorite, rolled to the front at the start and set a slow pace while maintaining a comfortable lead. Behind her, Sovereign Duty held second with Best Attack third. Still leading on the final run down the backside, Sweet Shani looked dangerously in control when Best Attack launched his bid. Sovereign Duty followed around the final turn but was still third at the top of the stretch—briefly.

Jockey Danielle Hodsdon aimed Sovereign Duty to the inside of Best Attack and got an immediate response. Sovereign Duty flew the second-last from a long spot, hit the last in stride, and reached Sweet Shani in the final half-furlong. The mare fought back, but couldn't last as Sovereign Duty got the neck decision in 4:58.13 for the two and a half miles while paying $7.20 as the second choice and completing an $18 Jonathan Sheppard-trained exacta. Best Attack stayed for third.

Hodsdon credited her horse's fight and a two-fence stretch run (most race track steeplechases have just one) with helping get the victory.

"Having two fences in the stretch makes a difference," said the jockey. "You can't just turn the corner and ride for one fence. He gave me a huge second-last, it was so long . . . the last one was just a perfect spot and I knew I was going to get there—whether he got there in time or not, I wasn't sure."

He got there like he'd been there before, which he had. Sovereign Duty sold at Keeneland as a yearling, bringing

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Hudson River Farm's regally bred Sovereign Duty (Danielle Hodsdon) flashed his brilliance in capturing the Royal Chase-NSA1 for trainer Jonathan Sheppard.

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Fox Ridge Farm homebred Planets Aligned (Padge Whelan) defeated Imagina (Chi) (Jody Petty) in the Temple Gwathmey-NSA2.

$425,000 thanks to superb breeding (Kingmambo—Duty Dance, by Nijinsky II) and a flashy bay look. Purchased by Overbrook Farm from breeder Will Farish, Sovereign Duty hinted at big things but never made it, sliding to the Overbrook B team with trainer Jeff Thornbury and losing three starts at River Downs.

Former steeplechase jockey Tom Foley purchased the horse from Overbook, started him once on the flat at Colonial Downs in 2005, and then sold him to Sheppard.

"It's just another example. Here's a horse who's bred in the purple and was basically a complete flop," said Sheppard. "He was getting beaten for maiden $25,000 at River Downs. It wasn't an immediate turnaround—it was a slow, uphill battle. He had some temperament issues and just didn't seem to have it all together. He lacked confidence. As time has gone by, he's gotten more confidence in himself and he's put it all together."

A steeplechaser in 2006, Sovereign Duty lost his first two but broke his maiden that summer at Colonial Downs and added a rich allowance score at Saratoga. Winless in five 2007 starts, Sovereign Duty nevertheless earned $40,875 while keeping good company. He capped last season with a third (beaten three lengths) in the Grade 1 Colonial Cup, and vaulted into 2008 with an allowance score at the Carolina Cup in late March as the perfect setup for Keeneland.

PLANET STOPS AT MIDDLEBURG

With Good Night Shirt and Sovereign Duty trading punches (from afar) in the open stakes division, the novices got in on the act with the $75,000 Temple Gwathmey-NSA2 at Middleburg, Va., on April 19. The second leg of the Steeplechase Triple Crown attracted five runners, including the 6-year-old mare Imagina (Chi), who took the series-opening Carolina Cup on March 29, and 2007 novice champion Planets Aligned.

In his seasonal debut, Planets Aligned made his case for being more than a one-year wonder. A triple winner in 2007, his first season over jumps, the son of Gold Fever took over from Dr. Bloomer before the last fence and had plenty left for Imagina late to win by three and a quarter lengths in 4:26.40 for the two and one-quarter miles.

New jockey Padge Whelan, a recent import from the European steeplechase circuit, picked up the victory and was impressed with his horse.

"Luckily my horse has a bit of class and I was always going to win," he said. "If anything, I felt I may have gotten to the front a bit too soon. He's a nice horse. I've only just come over here so I don't know the depth of the race. I'm sure there were some good horses in there. All he can do is win and he did it well."

Trainer Tom Voss toyed with starting Planets Aligned at Atlanta or Keeneland, but opted to stay in the restricted novice division (for horses who did not break their steeplechase maidens before March 1, 2007) for now.

"I was thinking about Keeneland and then I got to thinking again," Voss said. "I didn't see any sense in doing it if I was going to be the highweight, which I would have been as it turned out. First time in open company, I don't care what you think of your horse, it's a step up."

A Fox Ridge Farm homebred, Planets Aligned came to hand slowly in 2007, losing his first two starts, but then stepped forward dramatically with wins at Iroquois, Saratoga and Callaway Gardens on the way to $142,600 in earnings over fences. He graduates from the novice ranks in June, meaning the open stakes starts will come soon enough.

SUR LA TETE RETIRED

Kinross Farm's Sur La Tete, who built a career in steeplechasing after proving too unruly for the flat, was retired in April after leg trouble shelved his latest comeback attempt. The 10-year-old son of Sky Classic earned $664,050 (number four all-time behind McDynamo, Lonesome Glory and Victorian Hill) and won six Grade 1 stakes for Kinross and trainer Neil Morris.

"For me as a trainer, it was kind of simple," said Morris of the decision. "Making the phone call to sell the decision to the owner was the hard part, but he took it well too. I'm happy that the horse is sound. I was relieved afterward; it's what I wanted for the horse."

Kinross owners Zohar and Lisa Ben-Dov purchased Sur La Tete for $10,000 after spotting him in a field near their Virginia farm in 2001. Then 3 and unraced because of his habit of dropping exercise riders, Sur La Tete went to Kinross and was reborn. He won the Iroquois-NSA1 in 2005 and 2006, and

the Royal Chase-NSA1 in 2006, while competing with fellow stars McDynamo and Hirapour (Ire) for headlines.

A nagging ligament injury limited Sur La Tete to three starts in 2005, two in 2006 and one in 2007. Regularly ridden by Chris Read, he was on the comeback trail for a 2008 debut, but came out of a point-to-point win in April with more problems with the leg.

"He won nicely at Old Dominion [on April 5], but I need to have him fitter than that to win Grade 1 stakes," Morris said. "I don't think I want to get him fitter. He's showed some intolerances in the past. What do we need, another picture on the wall? And at what cost? I'd rather have a sound horse to retire."

Sur La Tete heads to the Kinross foxhunting band and life as a celebrity in and around Middleburg, Va.

"He's in a 40-acre field with 11 other foxhunters—he's number 12," said Morris.

NEWS AND NOTES

Beyond the big stories, several small ones took shape as the 2008 season unfolded.

• The death of trainer Bruce Haynes early this year left a void in the sport and with his family, but the 2008 season brought success on the race track as Haynes's son Will jumped out to a quick start with four wins from his first 11 rides after going winless in 2007. Trainer Mike Berryman, in whose name the Haynes horses are running, went 4-for-9 to start the season while Bruce Haynes's widow, Anne, was 3-for-3 as an owner in the early going. Classy Brute led the way with two victories, while homebred 4-year-old Mecklenburg outdueled graded turf stakes winner Dreadnaught in a $25,000 maiden hurdle at Atlanta on April 12.

• Augustin Stable's millionaire flat runner Rochester converted to timber with ease, taking a $15,000 maiden race by 14¾ lengths at Foxfield in Charlottesville, Va., on April 26. Trained by Sanna Hendriks, the 12-year-old thrived at his new job.

"He didn't make $1.2 million because he doesn't like to compete," said Hendriks. "I let him dictate things. We gallop him but don't breeze him so it's not incredibly tough on him. We're just looking to take care of him—if he can race and have it be easy, that's great." Bred in Pennsylvania by Augustin owner George Strawbridge, Rochester won 11 races (including six turf stakes) on the flat from 2001 to '05 with trainer Jonathan Sheppard.

• Mid-Atlantic-bred winners included Mecklenburg and Class Shadow (Virginia), G'day G'day, Incomplete and Ordered to Listen (Maryland), Lead Us Not and Rochester (Pennsylvania), Pals Pride (North Carolina) and Private Attack (New Jersey). ✹

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Morning glories: Why do some horses train well and race poorly?

A morning glory can frustrate the best of trainers. He rolls out enthusiastically at daybreak and performs workouts that hint of superior talent. Then he all but folds up in the afternoon, when the starting gate opens.

Figuring out what's wrong with a morning glory is often a complicated process. In some cases, the horse may have a physical problem that only shows up under extreme exertion. Or perhaps some horses, like some people who approach life with gusto in the morning but fizzle out as the day progresses, are "morning" horses.

Scott Palmer VMD, former president of the American Association of Equine Practitioners, said, "There are a lot of factors that come into play."

Palmer, owner and hospital director of New Jersey Equine Clinic in Clarksburg, N.J., where he is a staff surgeon, suggested the first step should be to look at morning and afternoon situations and ask, "What's different and why?" Environment, physiology or psychology—and perhaps a combination of the three—could be the answer.

"Consider heat and humidity, for example," Palmer said. "Morning is a healthier time to work out. So from a physiologic standpoint, it's more beneficial."

He recalled his earlier days as an athlete when his team practiced twice a day.

"The early morning practices always went much better than the afternoon practices, so I think environment has something to do with it," he said.

Another factor, Palmer suggested, might be cortisol production, which is part of the horse's biorhythm cycle. Cortisol is a natural steroid produced by the body; it acts as an anti-inflammatory. In humans, cortisol also acts as a mood elevator.

In the morning, cortisol levels are higher than they are at other times of the day. So if the horse has a collection of niggling ailments, cortisol may temporarily have a positive effect and allow the horse to perform better in a morning workout.

"That's conjecture," Palmer said. "It's just something that may be a possibility."

CASUAL VS. BUSINESS

Morning training is part of a race horse's routine. "They do their workout, then they come back to the barn and get a nice bath and relax," Palmer said. "When they go to the races, it's a whole different deal. It's later in the day, the temperature is different, the light is different, the track surface may be different, and the horses are kept in a detention barn sometimes for hours before the race."

For a sensitive or nervous horse, the disruption in routine may be enough to throw him off his game. And then there's the tension in the paddock, crowds, noise and even different smells. For some horses, performing poorly at the races may be an equine version of stage fright.

"Some horses are really adaptable and they don't mind a change in their schedule," Palmer said. "Others are more sensitive. So some of these horses will wash out in the paddock because of the stress, and that can be a very big factor."

SPRINTERS VS. ROUTERS

Morning workouts require a horse to go at top speed only for a relatively short distance. Workouts for horses who are racing-fit seldom exceed six furlongs and typically are clocked at a half mile or five-eighths. A horse with an undiagnosed respiratory problem or lameness issue may be able to sustain his run for that distance before the problems begin to interfere with performance.

"Most horses can run for short distances and tolerate a lot of things without showing any effect," Palmer said. "As you increase the distance, more things come into play. Any part of the body becomes more strained, the longer the distance. The more times [a horse] has to put its foot on the ground—stride impact—the more tendon cycling that you have, and the more everything is strained. That's where fatigue comes in."

Palmer explained that when a horse becomes fatigued, he may not put his foot down properly, so his biomechanics of running are altered, making him less efficient at covering ground at speed.

For a normal horse, the obvious solution would be to get the horse fitter or race him a shorter distance, but Palmer said the solution is not that simple for a morning glory.

"Let's say that you rule everything out," he said. "There's no obvious lameness, no nervousness, the horse is not tying up during the race, the horse is breathing okay, the endoscopic exam and blood work are normal. If the horse is performing well in six-furlong workouts and then you stretch it out in the afternoon to a mile, and it's not doing well, then I think it's logical to say, 'We should be racing this horse six furlongs.' "

Palmer added, "Then, of course, you have horses that train well at six furlongs but then they don't race well at six furlongs. That's a question for the trainer, not the veterinarian."

TRAINING TECHNIQUES

The question was posed to Hall of Fame trainer Allen Jerkens, who responded: "The average horse will always run faster when he races than when he works."

Then he elaborated: "Every once in a while, you'll get one that will go just as fast as you can ask him to in the morning. That's where the majority of [trainers] get the idea that [the horse] is a morning glory. They do as much as they can any time, and everybody expects them to do that extra couple of seconds [faster] in the afternoon, and they all don't do it.

"I've had horses that would work as fast as they could run in the afternoon. I've had some good ones who did that, too, like Beau Purple. He was a famous horse, and he could work as fast as at the races when he went out in the morning."

Jerkens recalled that in the 1940s and '50s, big stables found a use for morning glories.

"When I first came around, Mr. [James (Sunny Jim)] Fitzsimmons and Max Hirsch and John Gaver, they had the big stables in those days," he said.

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"They would always keep one or two of those kinds of horses around to work with their stakes horses, but no one does that anymore."

But how do you solve the problem?

"You try different ways," Jerkens said. "You try taking him back off the pace or galloping more. Everybody has their own way of trying different things. And some horses never get over it.

"Sometimes you try to train them lighter and get somebody [an exercise rider] to not let them run in the morning so that they will get to running faster in the afternoon. Some exercise riders are better at pulling horses in the morning than others are. An experienced boy can really slow them down better in the morning. That usually works the best—trying not to let the horse work fast in the morning, if you can help it."

ALL IN THE HEAD

"For the most part, what I've seen haven't been medical-related problems," said Eric Birks DVM, Ph.D., assistant professor of exercise physiology and sports medicine at the University of Pennsylvania's New Bolton Center. "The horse just doesn't want to be in the race situation, with the screaming crowds and the high anxiety of being tacked up in the saddling area, and then the post parade to the starting gate. They wear themselves out, and some go to pieces."

Birks said he absolutely believes some horses are "morning" horses, but there really is not a test to determine that.

He believes one solution is to discourage the horse's natural tendency to run in a pack. "So to make them win, you have to break that pack mentality and make them want to be in front," he said.

Birks added that, barring a medical condition, the solution lies with the trainer and how he or she manages the horse.

"They observe their horses every day. They're with them all the time; they see them go out in their sets to work together, and they try to mix and match so they push each other [to go faster]," he said.

"Some trainers I know make everyone leave the barn after 8 o'clock in the morning so there is peace and quiet so the horse can rest up until race time. Just like with children, you make sure they have a good breakfast and you give them everything they need to remain calm and relaxed."

However, Birks pointed out that dust sensitivity may cause breathing trouble in some horses. Typically, the horse's stall is cleaned while he is out on the race track in the morning. When the horse returns to the barn, he is bathed and hand-walked until he cools down. But horses scheduled to race that day are hand-walked in the shed row for about 20 minutes while grooms muck stalls and stir up a lot of dust, which can irritate the airways and impact the horse's performance later in the day.

Birks urged trainers to gather together the horse's veterinarian, farrier, groom, exercise rider and jockey to discuss the ways in which the horse's behavior varies from morning to afternoon. Gaining insight into the horse's psyche as well as his health and the mechanics of how he runs could provide the key to helping a morning glory become a glorious race horse. ✹

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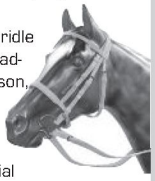

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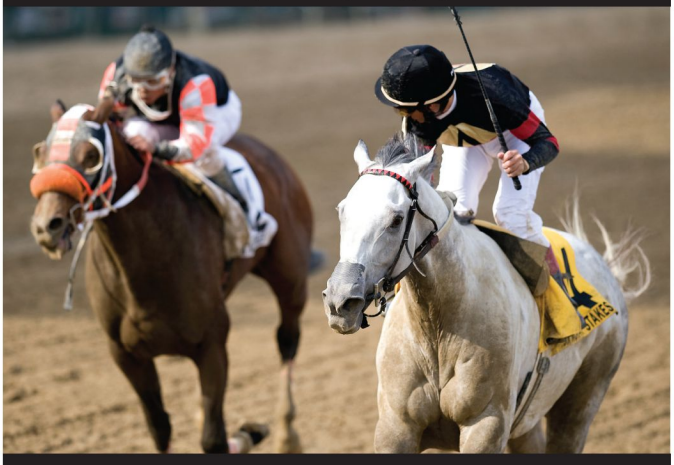
SEAN CLANCY

Icabad Crane scored by a head over Mint Lane in the 28th running of the Federico Tesio Stakes, Maryland's major steppingstone to the Preakness.



Stronach Stable's veteran Powerful Touch (inside) got his first added-money victory in the Jim McKay Stakes. At left is third-place finisher Mint Slewlep.

JIM McCUE (2)

Mention **Icabad Crane**, and trainer Graham Motion lights up like the father of a newborn. Icabad Crane won the $100,000 Federico Tesio Stakes, the 3-year-old event that highlighted the card on April 19, opening Saturday at Pimlico.

"He's a lovely horse," Motion said. "A pleasure to be around."

Every year, the Tesio ushers a Maryland-based colt to the Preakness pulpit—or at least forces connections to wonder about the second leg of the Triple Crown.

Earle Mack's Icabad Crane, the favorite in the field of eight, wore down Mint Lane to win the Tesio by a head. Deputyville finished third after nine furlongs in 1:50.83.

Making his fourth career start, Icabad Crane improved his record to three wins. In his initial two starts, the son of Jump Start handled New York-breds at Aqueduct before making his stakes debut in the Rushaway at Turfway Park. Finishing third that day, Icabad Crane tipped off his stakes credentials and then set sail for the Tesio.

A $110,000 purchase at the 2007 Ocala Breeders' Sales Company February sale of 2-year-olds in training, where he was consigned by his breeder, Gallagher's Stud, Icabad Crane impresses Motion when it counts—in the afternoon.

"It was very gritty effort, the way he did it," Motion said. "It's hard to fault what he's done; he's 3-for-3 on dirt. He's not an overly impressive horse in the morning; he's not flashy. Just workmanlike. [Jockey] Rajiv Maragh was very impressed with him when he rode him the last time in New York. He's got a lovely way about him, very laid-back, that's a great attribute."

Securely on the Triple Crown beat with Adriano, Motion decided to keep Icabad Crane up north for the winter.

"Because he was a New York-bred," Motion said, "our plan was to keep him at Fair Hill for the winter and it worked out great."

If given a choice with his horses, Motion will usually take the conservative path, and it's probably no different with Icabad Crane for Preakness day.

"I'm probably leaning more toward the Barbaro [Stakes on the Preakness undercard]," Motion said, "but we'll see."

Jeremy Rose partnered Icabad Crane, one of three stakes wins on the card for the rider.

Opening Saturday featured three other stakes: the $75,000 Jim McKay for 3-year-olds and up at a mile and a sixteenth; $60,000 Geisha Stakes for Maryland-bred fillies and mares at a mile and a sixteenth; and six-furlong $50,000 Allen's Prospect Stakes for 3-year-olds and up.

Stronach Stable's **Powerful Touch** continued his long and productive career by capturing the Jim McKay. Trained by Justin Nixon and ridden by Mario Pino, Powerful Touch caught favorite Eddie C. to win by one length.

Powerful Touch won for the ninth time in his 24-start career and boosted his earnings to $418,778. An 8-year-old gelding, Powerful Touch (by Touch Gold out of Punchbowl, by Two Punch) notched his first career stakes win while posting a finishing time of 1:43.13.

"He's a lovely old horse. A real class act," Nixon said. "He came to me in very good order from Adena Springs; it's nice to get a horse like him. The Stronachs are very patient—they let you pick your spots. You're able to wait and let the horse tell you when he's ready."

Nixon had a good feeling Powerful Touch was ready when the gray was the first horse in the barn to shed his winter coat.

"We backed into this spot; I was looking for an optional claimer but it didn't fill and he was doing so good, I thought we'd take a shot in the stake," Nixon said. "I thought he had a good chance but it wasn't like I was walking over there thinking we were the boss. You usually get smacked down when you get too cocky. You always need everything to go well and this time we got everything."

A homebred, Powerful Touch helped Nixon to a quick start at Pimlico. The trainer won with two of his first four starters at the spring meet.

Stephen Quick and Chris Grove said goodbye to their million-dollar earner and two-time Maryland-bred champion Silmaril in January, but the owner and trainer still have plenty of firepower. **Lexi Star** finally gets to carry the flag for the stable.

The 6-year-old homebred mare, guided by Rose, won her second straight Geisha Stakes on April 19. Capitalizing on a scheduling change, Lexi Star collected the Geisha in December and won it again in April, her first start of the year. The victory pushed the daughter of Crypto Star a little closer to the $500,000 career earnings plateau. With 10 wins (five stakes) from 23 starts, and earnings of $488,624, Lexi Star—a

close relative of Silmaril—is going strong.

"Silmaril has been unbelievable for me. Lexi Star, too. It was good to get this one behind us. We felt like the Geisha was the right spot; she was training good coming into it and it wasn't overly easy but it wasn't too hard of a race off the layoff either," Grove said. "She back-peddled a little bit at the three-sixteenths pole, but once she straightened away turning for home she got back into the game and got the job done. It's hard not to be pleased and I would think she would move forward off of this one." (More information on Lexi Star appears on page 9 of the *Maryland Horse* newsletter in this magazine.)

Lindy Redding's 4-year-old gelding **Ravalo** showed his appreciation for the local atmosphere at Pimlico by wiring the Allen's Prospect Stakes.

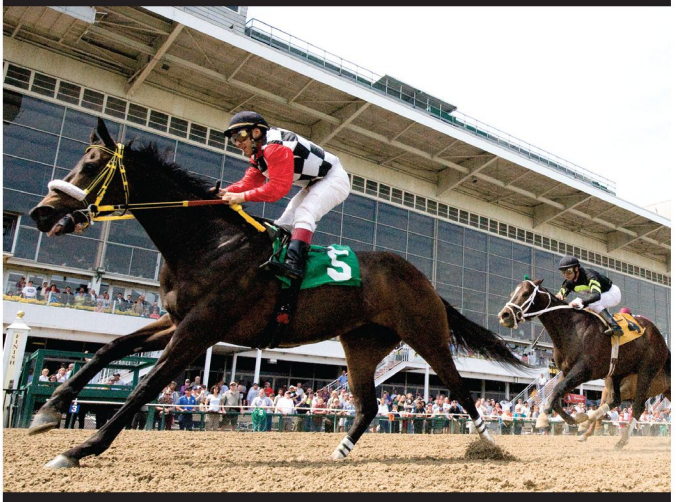
Based at Laurel Park, but doing most of his running on the road, Ravalo shook off 2007 Maryland Million Sprint winner Grand Champion early and Cognac Kisses late. He held sway by a length and a half over Cognac Kisses with Grand Champion third. Ravalo completed the distance in 1:09.82, missing the track record by four-fifths of a second.

Trained by Donald Barr, Ravalo had won three stakes in his previous four starts and kept to his task to notch his seventh career victory from 15 starts and push his career earnings to $291,907. Rose guided Ravalo, a son of Mutakddim. Bettors respected Ravalo's previous stakes wins at Mountaineer Park and Aqueduct and sent him off as the 1.3-1 favorite.

"He's a horse that likes the firmer, faster tracks and that suited him [in the Allen's Prospect]," Barr said. "He's a horse that likes to run up front. He's a good horse; I don't think I can beat the top 10 or so sprinters, but he's right in there with that second group and that's how I'll take things from here."

Redding, a resident of Glen Burnie, Md., bought Ravalo at the 2005 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern Fall Yearling sale for $30,000. That makes him "a Maryland horse even though he is a Kentucky-bred," according to Barr.

Steve Quick's homebred Lexi Star (#6) outfinished Spectacular Malibu by a head in the Geisha Stakes, while Come Fly Away came in third.



Ravalo showed the way to his rivals in the Allen's Prospect Stakes, his fourth career stakes win for Maryland-based owner Lindy Redding.

JIM MCCUE (3)

Stay Close (GB) captured the Henry S. Clark for the second year in a row; Forty Crowns, last year's Maryland Million Turf hero, just missed.

"As a 2-year-old he had the typical ailments, some shins and some delays," Barr explained. "But when we got him to Presque Isle last fall he really seemed to turn the corner. He's a horse that doesn't need to bring his track with him, and that's a big plus."

Michael Zwiesler doesn't get the A Team of Will Farish's Lane's End Farm operation, but the B Team came through again when **Stay Close (GB)** took his second straight Henry S. Clark Stakes on April 26. Stay Close won his 10th career race by storming from well off the pace to win the one-mile turf stakes by a neck over Forty Crowns. Owned by Farish and his son Bill, Stay Close finished the distance in 1:35.82 under Anna Napravnik.

Stay Close won five of his nine starts last year. Anchoring a strong Zwiesler string at Tampa Bay Downs this winter, the gelding finished sixth in the Tampa Bay Stakes over soft turf in February before crushing money allowance foes at the same track on March 15. In getting his third career stakes win, Stay Close increased his earnings to $290,578.

Owner/breeder Jim Steele scored with **Julia** on April 25. Making her sixth career start, Julia stalked the pace before running down favored Fast Woman to score by a head. Jeannette's Hope finished third in the conditioned claimer. Julia, a 4-year-old Maryland-bred daughter of Eastern Echo, finished six furlongs 1:13.34. Trained by Dan O'Ryan, Julia jumped from the $7,500 claiming level to win her second career race for a $15,000 tag.

Divine intervention perhaps? Elk Manor Farm's homebred **Sarto** jumped from second to first through the disqualification of Money for Love in a maiden special weight on April 24. Bred by the late Jimmy Moran, Sarto finished second in his debut on April 4 at Laurel Park. Trained

at Fair Hill Training Center by Bruce Jackson, Sarto reached the lead and then was bumped twice by Money for Love. After an objection by jockey Horacio Karamanos, the stewards reversed the order, placing Sarto in front of Money for Love. Henry's Goldenboy finished nearly six lengths back in third, after a mile and a sixteenth in 1:44.04.

Moran, who died after a brief illness in April, bred his prolific mare La Sarto to Dixie Union to produce Sarto. La Sarto (by Cormorant) produced English champion turf sprinter and 2006 Maryland-bred Horse of the Year Les Arcs, and additional stakes winner White Mountain Boy.

Maryland-bred **Disco Dandy**, searching for his first win, relished a switch to the turf, missing by a nose going five and a half furlongs on April 12 at Laurel. Fifteen days later, owner/trainer Mary Eppler found a perfect spot for the son of Disco Rico, until rain washed the race to the muddy main track.

No problem.

Shortening to five furlongs, Disco Dandy did the dirty work on the lead and held off nine rivals to score by two and a quarter lengths. Veteran jockey Nick Santagata rode the 4-year-old gelding, bred by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rogers. The Maryland-bred trifecta saw first-time starter Bhutan chase the winner to finish second, eight and a quarter lengths to the good of Ameri Hemlock, who finished on the board for the eighth time in 13 starts. Disco Dandy zipped five furlongs in :58.87.

Owner **Michael Gill** appeared to be back in full swing at the Pimlico spring meet. Gill employed Edwin Vazquez to claim eight horses over three cards from April 25 to 27. Gill haltered Chenery Stakes winner High Appeal out of a winning effort in a $50,000 optional claimer on April 25 and made his presence known at the claiming box throughout the meet.

Vazquez and Gill teamed up to win two races over the first two weeks at Pimlico.

Hard-hitting **Military Courage** scored for the fifth time in his career when taking an off-the-turf allowance on April 27. Bred and owned by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Holt and Theodore Montuori, the Maryland-bred won three in a row this winter, all in the claiming ranks at Laurel and Charles Town.

Making his first start under allowance conditions and first start at Pimlico, Military Courage shot to the lead, opening up five and a half lengths at one stage, and came home two lengths in front. Indian Max nosed out Let Me Be Frank for second. A gelded son of Lion Hearted, Military Courage finished five furlongs in :58.58. The victory helped trainer Tim Hooper hit at a 27 percent clip in 2008. Erick Rodriguez guided the even-money favorite.

Hooper returned to the winner's circle two races later when again capitalizing on the weather. This time, Hooper entered **Monster Echo** for main track only and upset an allowance race with the Maryland-bred son of Eastern Echo. Bred by Toodletown Farm and owned by Fabb Four Racing Stable, Monster Echo rallied from fifth to score by a half-length. Horacio Karamanos guided Monster Echo, who leapt from the $10,000 claiming ranks in

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his previous start. He finished five furlongs over the main track in :59.26.

Trainer **Tim Keefe** doubled on the April 26 card. The Laurel-based conditioner sent out Derwin's Peak to win a conditioned claimer for M O M Stable and returned later in the card to win a turf allowance with Dynadevil.

Derwin's Peak, a 3-year-old son of Peaks and Valleys, handled five rivals while winning his second career race. Apprentice Craig Gibbs guided Derwin's Peak to a neck victory over Roaring Point, ridden by apprentice Geovany Garcia. Derwin's Peak finished the one and a sixteenth miles in 1:47.75.

Gibbs came back to do it again aboard Dynadevil to secure another close victory, this one by a head. A 6-year-old gelded son of Dynaformer, Dynadevil took his second career race for W A K Racing Inc. Five Mill led for most of the way but couldn't hold off the late kick of Dynadevil. The mile and an eighth over the firm turf was run in 1:53.

Dynadevil broke his maiden —in his 25th career start—last fall and is now 2-for-30.

Owner/trainer Leona McKanas shocked bettors on April 19 when **Cat Topper** roared from sixth to first against seven fellow claimers. Sent off as the longest shot on the board, at 29-1, Cat Topper scored by a length. A 5-year-old son of Cloud Hopping, Cat Topper—in for an $18,000 tag—carried Nick Santagata to the victory, getting the mile and a sixteenth in 1:44.94, and paid his followers a cool $61 for the win. Second and third-place finishers, Go Now and Echo Chest, were both claimed out of the race for $20,000.

John Alecci produced the early daily double on April 17. The owner/trainer sent out Smart Bluff to win the opener, a $5,000 claimer. Smart Bluff scored for the third time in his career, finishing a mile and a sixteenth in 1:47.01. Erick Rodriguez guided the son of Pine Bluff.

For the second race, a maiden special weight for 3-year-old fillies, Alecci sent out second-time starter All Around. An $8,500 purchase at the 2006 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern Fall Yearling sale, All Around used her experience to kick away from first-time starters Lieutenant Icy and Mizen Head and win by a length. Rodriguez was aboard again, as the Outflanker filly finished six furlongs in 1:12.66.

Alecci jumped from the starter's blocks at Pimlico, winning with four of his first six starters.

Owner/trainers Jonathan Stark, Georgia Andreadakis and Gretchen Mobberley combined (in that order) for a $239.20 trifecta in a claiming event on April 27. **Kenaharra** reversed a long losing streak to score by nearly a dozen lengths over Radiant Moon and Speed Bump.

Veteran jockey Santos Chavez guided Kenaharra, a 4-year-old Maryland-bred filly whom Stark had sent out five times since January. The daughter of Ops Smile moved to his barn late last fall. ✹

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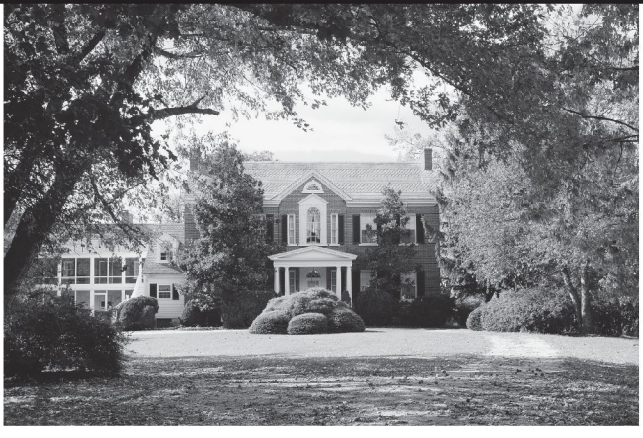

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AROUND THE OVALS

COLE, LAKE, NAPRAVNIK TOP WINTER MEET STANDINGS AT LAUREL PARK

SEAN CLANCY

Lady Digby, a well-traveled daughter of Grand Slam, outdueled Mary Louhana (GB) to win the Dahlia Stakes for trainer Graham Motion.

Hungarian Boatbaby, a $15,000 Eastern Fall sales yearling, notched her second stakes win in the Primonetta Stakes. She races for the Elkstone Group.

JIM MCCUE (2)

Familiar names topped the standings for Laurel Park's winter meeting that concluded on April 13. **Robert Cole**, **Scott Lake** and **Anna Napravnik** topped their divisions for the 59-day meet that began on New Year's Day.

Cole dominated the owners' standings. Employing trainers Lake, Howard Wolfendale and Stephanie Beattie, he won 14 races during the meet.

Lake continued his headlock on the trainers' standings, winning 51 races. Assistant Hugh McMahon handles the day-to-day operation at Laurel for Lake. The stable won 21 more races than Dale Capuano. John Rigattieri (28 wins), Benny Feliciano (20) and Ferris Allen (19) completed the top five.

Napravnik collected her first riding title since winning the 2006 Laurel fall title. The 20-year-old won 62 races, 11 more than apprentice Craig Gibbs. Napravnik put together three triples and 19 doubles during the meet. She was the only rider in the colony to earn more than $1 million during the meet. Jeremy Rose finished third in the standings with 41 victories.

Earle Mack has gradually built up a presence in Maryland. The nationally prominent owner, who now has two barns at the Fair Hill Training Center, picked up another stakes victory on April 12. **Lady Digby**, trained by Graham Motion, fought Mary Louhana (GB) through the stretch to win the $60,000 Dahlia Stakes for fillies and mares going one mile on the turf.

The duo finished second and third in their previous meeting when running behind 2006 champion juvenile filly Dreaming of Anna in the Grade 3 Hillsborough Stakes at Tampa Bay in March.

Sent off the favorite, Lady Digby won by a head, with Montecito (GB) seven lengths farther back in third.

Jeremy Rose guided the daughter of Grand Slam, who finished in 1:38.92 over the firm turf.

The 4-year-old filly improved her record to 3-for-10 with eight in-the-money finishes. Lady Digby has run at nine different tracks: Woodbine, Delaware Park, Colonial Downs, Saratoga, Calder, Santa Anita, Fair Grounds, Tampa Bay and Laurel Park.

The Elkstone Group's **Hungarian Boatbaby** won for the third straight time when scoring as favorite in the $60,000 Primonetta Stakes for fillies and mares on April 5. Trained by Tony Dutrow, Hungarian Boatbaby helped her jockey Abel Castellano win five on the day.

A 4-year-old daughter of Silver Ghost, Hungarian Boatbaby improved her record to 5-for-8, including two stakes. A $15,000 purchase at the 2005 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern Fall Yearling sale, she stalked What Time It Is to the head of the stretch in the six-furlong stakes before drawing off to a two and a quarter-length victory over Circuit Breaker and What Time It Is, finishing in 1:11.90.

Hungarian Boatbaby was bred in Kentucky by Normandy Farm LLC and Nancy Polk.

DELAWARE PARK OPENS FOR 71ST SEASON

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Delaware Park opened on April 19 for a 136-day live race meet to run through November 11.

The $1 million Delaware Handicap, set for July 13, is the highlight of the stand.

It's the 71st season for the venerable track designed by the late William F. duPont Jr. and graced over the years by numerous racing stars.

Among those standouts is trainer **Scott Lake**, who is seeking to equal the record for leading consecutive meets at Delaware. The late Hall of Famer Grover (Bud) Delp holds the record of seven in a row, set from 1963 through 1969.

"I am keeping good company if I tie his record," noted Lake. In 2007, Lake, a 42-year-old native of Harrisburg, Pa., topped the ranks with a record of 97 wins, 96 seconds and 73 thirds with earnings of $2,487,148 from 415 starts. In 2005, he had a banner season by notching 126 wins, which broke his own record of 115 wins (set in 2003) for most victories in a single Delaware Park meet by a trainer.

New trainers at Delaware this season include Peter Walder, David Jacobson and

Ron Moquett. Returning outfits include Michael Gorham, Steve Klesaris, Tim Ritchey, Anthony Dutrow, Larry Jones and Graham Motion.

Highlight of the opening day card was the $100,000 Peach Blossom Stakes for 3-year-old fillies, won in determined style by the 5-2 favorite, Elite Stables LLC's **Hadavision**.

Ramon Dominguez navigated Hadavision on the inside early, one length behind pacesetters Sentebale and Big Easy. Hadavision moved between those two at the top of the stretch, and outlasted Big Easy to win by a half-length, covering the six furlongs in 1:10.79 on a fast track.

Hadavision (Vision and Verse —Marquesa Lana, by Hadif) was claimed for $30,000 while winning her career debut at Churchill Downs last June. With trainer Nick Canani, Hadavision spent the summer at Del Mar, and ended her juvenile campaign with an allowance win at Presque Isle Downs. The Peach Blossom was her first start of the year and first for trainer Mark Shuman.

Former Duke University basketball star Bobby Hurley bred and owns the aptly named **Go Go Shoot**, who scored with alacrity, as 2-5 favorite, in the Francis (Jock) LaBelle Memorial Stakes for 3-year-olds on April 26. The striking gray gelding is by Songandaprayer, the $1 million juvenile sales purchase whom Hurley campaigned to win the Fountain of Youth Stakes-G1 before setting in motion his highly successful stud career.

In six career starts, the Florida-bred Go Go Shoot has accounted for three stakes wins; the LaBelle Memorial added to frontrunning victories in the Jimmy Winkfield and Fred Capossela Stakes at Aqueduct last winter.

The field for the LaBelle Memorial was reduced to four after two scratches, which favored Go Go Shoot and his early speed. With Ramon Dominguez aboard, he seized the lead from the outset and showed the way in the six-furlong race. Go Go Shoot's margin of victory was one length over Loveyouintheworld. Final time over a fast track was 1:11.44.

Go Go Shoot is trained by New Jersey-based conditioner Jim Ryerson, who took over the training of Hurley's horses last summer; currently he has five horses for Hurley.

Ryerson also trained Songandaprayer's sire, Breeders' Cup Juvenile Stakes-G1 winner Unbridled's Song.

Ryerson said that Go Go Shoot has progressed quickly. "He's pretty mature," the trainer said. "We gelded him last summer, and that helped him settle down."

Two of the new additions to the Delaware Park backstretch —**Peter Walder** and **David Jacobson**—are fresh from successful winter meets, Walder in Florida and Jacobson in New York.

Before this season, Walder, 39, maintained a string at Monmouth for many years. At this year's Gulfstream Park meet, Walder finished in a tie with Nick Zito for third in the standings, with 22 wins. Walder's horses made only 74 starts. By comparison, Todd Pletcher won Gulfstream's training title with 27 wins from 142 starts.

Walder expects to have approximately 40 horses on the grounds at Delaware throughout season. He said the strength of the jockey colony is one reason he decided to stable here.

"In previous years, whenever I shipped into Delaware, I rode Ramon [Dominguez] and Jeremy [Rose]," Walder said. "You throw Rosie [Napravnik] into the mix and you have some pretty great options. Having those three riders is nice, because you have confidence in the ride they give your horse."

Jacobson expects to maintain approximately 15 horses at Delaware to supplement his main operation in New York. By the end of April, Jacobson had 24 wins and earnings of $803,160 nationwide.

Jacobson, 54, recently returned to the sport in which his family has a long history. A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., he left the business in 1982 to sell real estate. Jacobson is a great-nephew of Hall of Fame trainer Hirsch Jacobs. His father, Buddy Jacobson, was a leading trainer in New York in the 1960s whose fall from grace has been well-chronicled. ✹

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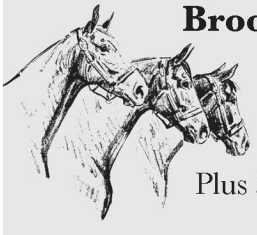

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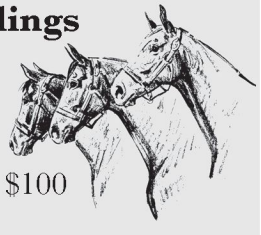

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PHILADELPHIA PARK HORSEMEN'S GROUP RECOGNIZES LOCAL STARS

LINDA DOUGHERTY

She began her career belatedly, as a 4-year-old in a $15,000 maiden claiming event in January 2007, but by year's end Indian Mills Stock Farm's **Speechifying** was a standout—named by the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association to three titles, as Philadelphia Park's horse of the year, top older female and best claiming horse.

Bred in Pennsylvania by Judith Barrett, who stands her sire, Activist, at Godstone Farm in Pine Grove, Pa., Speechifying nailed down horse of the year honors with her victory over graded stakes winner Miraculous Miss in the $250,000 My Juliet Stakes on September 29 at Philadelphia Park.

Trainer Phil Aristone, who campaigned Speechifying under his Indian Mills Stock Farm stable name, acquired her as a 3-year-old as payment for a board bill. In 14 starts last season, she registered six wins and another six placings, for earnings of $291,299.

Juan Carlos Guerrero earned the "B" division trainer award from the PTHA, but almost didn't make it to the awards banquet, which was held on March 12 at Celebrations, a banquet hall in Bensalem.

"I didn't think my winning percentage was high enough to get the award," said Guerrero, who had 20 wins from 81 starts, a 25 percent win rate. "So I wasn't planning on going to the banquet. I thought I didn't have a shot. Then some people in the horsemen's office started insisting that I go, and I finally said okay. They wanted to make sure I was there to get my award."

Guerrero, who grew up in Mexico and helped his father run a horse farm there, has been stabled at Philadelphia Park for a decade. His younger brother, Jaime, also a trainer, is a former assistant to Cynthia Reese. Guerrero worked as a farrier for several years before turning to training. Currently, he has 10 horses in his barn for owners Lee Rogalski, Rossi Racing and Ed Griffold.

One of Guerrero's best horses has been Max West, who earned the PTHA's award for outstanding claimer in 2006, the year he won Philadelphia Park's $100,000 Turf Monster Handicap and placed in three other added-money races. Claimed by Guerrero for $6,250 in January 2005, Max West blossomed after Guerrero switched him to the turf.

Guerrero said he wasn't sure whether Max West, now 8, would return to the races this season—he seemed to be enjoying himself at a local farm where he was turned out over the winter.

Robert L. Cole Jr.'s **Coyoteshighestcall** kept his 2008 record perfect at five starts, five wins, when he captured the $75,000 Norristown Stakes on April 15.

The 6-year-old son of Regal Humor—Ballerina's Dancer, by Majesty's Prince, is enjoying the best season of his career, under the tutelage of trainer Scott Lake. He has humbled his recent competition at Philadelphia Park, and the Norristown was his first stakes win in 60 career starts. The winner's share of $44,000 pushed his earnings to $395,182.

Under jockey Kendrick Carmouche, Coyoteshighestcall wasn't immediately rushed to the lead, but after the first half mile in the one-mile, 70-yard contest, he was within striking distance of New York invader and graded stakes competitor Judiths Wild Rush, who had earned nearly $1 million coming into the Norristown. Coyoteshighestcall rallied three-wide on the far turn, and with a nifty burst of speed swept past Judiths Wild Rush and sailed home, three lengths in front of the rallying New Mexico, trained by Steve Klesaris. He was timed in 1:42.30.

Lake haltered Coyoteshighestcall for $25,000 on September 28 at Presque Isle Downs, and the horse hasn't seen the claiming ranks since. His only off-the-board finish since the claim came in the $50,000 Dave's Friend Stakes at Laurel on October 27.

Porter Racing Stables LLC's homebred **All Night Labor**, riding a three-race win streak, including the restricted Perfect Poppy Stakes at Aqueduct in New York in her most recent start, made it four in a row by taking the $75,000 Bristol Stakes for trainer Randy Nunley and jockey Stewart Elliott on April 22.

The Florida-bred 4-year-old daughter of Double Honor allowed the Scott Lake-trained Kourages Kelly to set the pace through the opening half mile, then took command and was never headed the rest of the way, holding off a mild rally from favored Lil's Lassie to prevail by a length. Lil's Lassie, trained by Michael Zwiesler, was narrowly beaten in the $65,000 Wayward Lass Stakes at Tampa Bay Downs in her last start.

The win in the Bristol pushed All Night Labor's

PHILADELPHIA PARK'S TOP PERFORMERS OF 2007

The Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association honored the following as Philadelphia Park's top performers of 2007:

- Horse of the year, older female and claiming horse—Indian Mills Stock Farm's **Speechifying**, trained by Phil Aristone
- 2-year-old male—Michael Dubb's **Double Down Vinman,** trained by Anthony Dutrow
- 2-year-old filly—Cheval Corporation's **Ask the Moon**, trained by Edward Allard
- 3-year-old male—Victory Thoroughbreds' **Cherokee Country**, trained by Ramon Preciado
- 3-year-old filly—Fiasco Farms Ltd.'s **Who's Happy**, trained by Tim Woolley
- Older male—Danny Limongelli's **Banjo Picker**, trained by Steven Krebs

Outstanding claim of the year—Victory Thoroughbreds' **Cherokee Country**, trained by Ramon Preciado

Winningest horse—Plumstead Stables' **I'm No Cheerleader**, trained by Robert Seeger

Apprentice jockey—**Carol Cedeno**

Leading jockey—**Harry Vega**

Leading owner—**Plumstead Stables** (Robert Seeger)

Leading trainer—**Jayne Vaders**

"B" division trainer (top percentage with fewer than 150 starts)—**Juan Carlos Guerrero**

"B" division owner—**Arlene London**

Six-year-old ex-claimer Coyoteshighestcall is undefeated in five starts this season, including the Norristown Stakes, for owner Robert L. Cole Jr.

All Night Labor held off the rallying favorite Lil's Lassie (#1) to capture the Bristol Stakes, her fourth victory in a row for trainer Randy Nunley.

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career mark to seven wins from 18 starts, and $263,930 in earnings.

The promising Pennsylvania-bred sophomore Double Down Vinman, owned by a partnership group assembled by Walnut Green bloodstock agency president Mark Reid and named for former Penn basketball star Vince Curran, attracted plenty of attention when he took to the track for a six-furlong allowance race on April 8. But Cre Run Enterprises LLC's **Johns Grooms**, sent out by the red-hot Steve Klesaris, spoiled Vinman's bid for victory.

Johns Grooms stormed down the center of the track to overtake Double Down Vinman inside the eighth pole and won by three-quarters of a length in 1:09.97.

Johns Grooms, a 3-year-old son of Put It Back—Glass Slipper, by Katowice, was bred in Florida by Arthur I. Appleton and purchased by his current connections for $10,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May 2-year-olds in training sale. The victory was his third from seven starts, and he's now earned $70,400.

It was the second allowance victory on the card for Klesaris, who one race earlier sent out Anthony Mitola and TYB Stable's **Humor the Man**, a son of Distorted Humor, to a narrow score in allowance company.

Humor the Man, a $95,000 purchase at the Keeneland September Yearling sale, improved his lifetime record to three wins (all at Philadelphia Park) from four starts, and $60,753 in earnings. His only off-the-board finish came in his debut last season at Turfway Park, in which he finished seventh. He is out of the graded stakes-winning mare Added Asset (by Lord At War-Arg).

Through April 27, Klesaris was winning at a 32 percent rate at Philadelphia Park, all while shipping his stock from his base at Fair Hill Training Center. He had saddled horses to make 106 starts and register 34 wins, with an in-the-money ratio of 63 percent.

"I recently asked for some stalls at Philadelphia," he said. "I've found that it's a great place to race in the fall and winter, and the purse structure is really terrific now. They card the types of races that fit my needs, and I couldn't be happier entering my horses here."

Jayeff B Stables's 3-year-old Unbridled's Song colt **Blind Hero**, a half-brother to two-time champion Ashado and Grade 1 winner Sunriver (out of the Mari's Book mare Goulash), made his debut a winning one on April 22 when he took a six-furlong maiden special weight under Navin Mangalee.

Blind Hero lagged at the back of the seven-horse field early, then offered a late surge in deep stretch to cross the wire a length and a half in front of favored Make Me Proud in 1:11.18.

Blind Hero was bred by Aaron and Marie Jones in Kentucky, and was purchased privately by Jayeff B owner Richard Santulli after he failed to meet his $675,000 reserve at the 2006 Keeneland September Yearling sale. The gray colt received his name because he has only one eye. He lost his left eye from an accident when he was 3 days old.

Trainer Alan Goldberg conditions the promising youngster at his Colts Neck Training Center near Monmouth Park.

"Hopefully, he'll learn from this race," said Goldberg after Blind Hero's victory. "He really doesn't want to sprint—he's a big, long-striding horse." ✹

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BEATTIE, ROJAS DUEL FOR SUPREMACY AMONG PENN NATIONAL TRAINERS

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Donald L. Brown Jr.'s **Ransom Due** scored an emotional victory for her owner when she captured an April 9 allowance feature named in honor of the late leading Penn National trainer John Zimmerman.

Zimmerman, who died suddenly on April 8, 2006, counted Brown, a Harrisburg restaurant owner, among his longtime clients.

Ransom Due, trained by **Stephanie Beattie**, defeated seven rivals in the one-mile event, winning under jockey William Otero in 1:39.68.

"It was really great," said Beattie. "Not only was Mr. Brown one of [John Zimmerman's] best friends, but William [Otero] rode for John all the time, and John Krulock, his agent, was also a good friend. We all felt like John was looking down on us in the winner's circle."

Beattie and Brown teamed up to win an optional claimer on April 18 with **Mr. Got Rocks**, a battle-tested, 7-year-old gelded son of Diamond. Mr. Got Rocks had won his three previous starts, all at Penn National, and was dispatched as the second choice in the eight-horse field behind favored Communicator, trained by David Geist.

Both horses were rated off the early pace in the mile and a sixteenth race, and made their move at the head of the stretch. But Mr. Got Rocks, under Otero, had more momentum. He blew by fading leader Topping to win by nearly five lengths in 1:44.29, leaving Communicator to settle for second.

"He's awesome, and he's been unbelievable since we claimed him for $4,000," said Beattie. "This was only his second start for us, and he was doing so well that we thought we'd step him up to this company and see how he'd do."

Beattie thinks that the regimen she employs with her horses—moving them from the track to her farm, where they are turned out for short periods every day and swim—was a key to Mr. Got Rocks's recent success.

"It's like when you were a kid, it got pretty boring sitting in the same seat in the classroom day after day," she said. "Keeping a horse's mind busy and giving them something different to look at and experience can produce good results."

Beattie currently trains 60 horses, including 32 stabled on the grounds of Penn National.

"I get phone calls just about every day from new owners wanting me to train horses for them, or I'll get approached at the races," she said. "But since I'm a hands-on person, and like to gallop and do things personally for all my horses, I don't want to grow any bigger than 60 horses. I'm also trying to keep the clients I have happy, and do my best for them."

As April drew to a close, Beattie and another female trainer, Murray Rojas, were locked in a battle for suprem-

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acy over the trainers' ranks. Through April 27, the score was 28-27, in favor of Rojas.

"That's real 'girl power' for you!" said Beattie with a laugh. "But seriously, I don't like to look at it that way. Everyone here treats me like just one of the guys, and I'm very happy that we're having a good year and are near the top of the trainers' standings."

Van Leroy, a 3-year-old gelded Pennsylvania-bred son of Van Nistelrooy, returned to the races on April 18 after a four-month hiatus to win a maiden special weight for trainer Flint Stites and owners Steve and Debbie Jackson.

The gelding, co-bred by Stites and the Jacksons, ducked in sharply at the start, but was quickly straightened out by jockey Luis Belmonte. He went to the lead and dueled for command with first-time starter Shorty Jawnson, then shook clear in midstretch to open up a length and a half lead. In the last 70 yards, Van Leroy's strides grew shorter as he drifted out slightly; still he was able to hold off the onrushing I'm Bankin', who overcame trouble in deep stretch to close gamely. Van Leroy scored by three-quarters of a length in 1:11.94.

Heavily favored **Henry Street**, who was coming off a nearly five-length blowout at Laurel Park on March 8, spoiled the seasonal debut of multiple stakes winner and 2005 Penn National horse of the year R. Earl in an allowance race on April 17.

Dispatched at 50 cents on the dollar, Henry Street grabbed control of the six-furlong race right out of the gate and opened up a two-length lead in deep stretch. Chalk players had a few anxious moments in deep stretch, however, as quick early fractions (:22.19, :44.72, :56.88) took their toll and he barely had enough left to turn away runner-up Euro Code, whom he outfinished by a neck in a final time of 1:10.02.

R. Earl, an 8-year-old trained by Tim Shea for his father-in-law, Cleon Cassel, was forced to steady along the rail in the opening half mile and never recovered, finishing fourth under Edwin Perez.

It was the fourth win in a row for Henry Street, a 5-year-old gelded son of Old Trieste—Streets of Rio, by Carnivalay, who is owned and trained by Robert Seeger. (A feature article on Seeger appears on page 52 of this magazine.)

Seeger claimed Henry Street in the name of his Plumstead Stables for $12,500 at Philadelphia Park last November. Three of the gelding's last four starts (and wins) have come in allowance company.

In his first two starts for Seeger, Henry Street won at six and a half furlongs and was beaten a nose at six furlongs. "I then decided to run him long, and he got in a lot of trouble that day, but it didn't seem like going long was best for him," said Seeger, who sports a record of 10 wins from 31 starts at Penn National through April 27. "I thought this could be a horse that you don't want to fix what's not broken. So since then, I've kept him sprinting, and he's been awesome. Down the road, I may try him long on the turf, because he has won on the turf before."

Bred in Maryland by Robert Manfuso, Henry Street was a $50,000 Keeneland September sales yearling; he has earned $203,317 from 37 career starts, including 13 wins.

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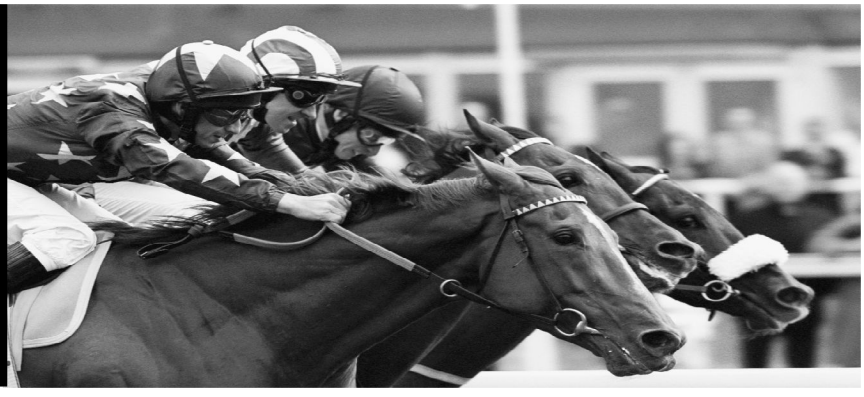

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Barbican stalked the early pace in the mile contest, took the lead inside the eighth pole, and just lasted to win by a half-length in 1:38.44. Lifetime, he has won four of 14 starts, and earned $113,435.

"Mr. Downey [Walter Downey, owner of Tea Party Stable] bought him privately from Darley with the thought of having him stand at stud in Pennsylvania when he's through racing," said Barbican's trainer, Todd Beattie, who ranked fourth in the Penn National trainers' standings with 16 wins from 61 starts through April 27. "What impressed me the most about this victory was that he came home the last quarter in less than 24 seconds. He's a very good-looking horse and hopefully we'll be able to win a stakes with him before he's retired to stud."

Spring Water Farm's accomplished Pennsylvania-bred S W Aly'svalentine met five rivals in an allowance on April 24, in which she was sent off the heavy favorite at odds of 1-5. But the 6-year-old multiple stakes-winning mare could do no better than second behind Lucy Webb's **Warrior Belle**, who jumped to the lead at the start of the five and a half-furlong contest and never was headed, cruising home under jockey Luis Belmonte by two and three-quarters lengths. ✹

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WARRIOR BELLE RINGS LOUD AND TRUE AT CHARLES TOWN

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Bettin on M J defeated a classy field in an allowance feature, his fourth victory since joining the Cartagena stable on a $15,000 claim one year ago.

When owner/trainer Lucy Webb decided to run her newly acquired 5-year-old mare **Warrior Belle** in a maiden special weight against colts and geldings on January 10 at Charles Town, she was confident that the Ontario-bred would run a credible race.

In fact, Warrior Belle ran a game second on that frigid night to Max Pearson's speedy sprinter Indian Max, who went a quick :52.90 for the four and a half furlongs.

Apparently, Warrior Belle's first race this side of the border helped her to get acclimated, because she came back to win by 11 lengths on February 7, defeating a similar field of males, under the same conditions in a time of :52.55.

And since late March she has compiled a three-race streak of allowance wins at Charles Town and Penn National.

A daughter of War Deputy, Warrior Belle failed to find the winner's circle in 13 starts in her native Canada, all at Woodbine, last season.

Webb, who trains approximately 30 horses on a farm that she leases in Woodbine, Md., and races primarily at Charles Town, bought Warrior Belle in Canada "sight unseen."

Said Webb: "She is crooked-legged—they didn't tell me that. Another thing about her is that she does not like to load into a horse trailer. In fact, the last time that she ran at Charles Town, we had a heck of a time getting her into the van for the trip up there. After she ran, I had five guys trying to help me push her back into the trailer for the trip home. We finally had to turn her around and back her in, and she rode all the way home backwards in a two-horse trailer. She is also somewhat of a problem to train. . ."

Warrior Belle's antics and disposition have become more palatable now that her 2008 earnings total $73,880, with the prospect of more to come.

The $33,000 allowance feature on April 5 brought together three of the best older male sprinters on the grounds. The powerhouse trio consisted of Julio Cartagena's **Bettin On M J** (a winner in five of his six most recent starts), Robert Cole's track record-setter Outcashem, and Keisy Cartagena's hard-hitting Jose.

Philadelphia Park-based multiple stakes winner Banjo Picker was also entered in the four and a half-furlong event, but he was a late scratch, perhaps after his connections saw the past performances of the big three.

A crowd surrounded the paddock and lined the rail as the horses came onto the track for the post parade, and fans cheered loudly as the gate opened at the start of the race.

Jose broke alertly and shot to a one-length lead, with Bettin On M J, Love's Strong Hart, and Outcashem in close pursuit. Jose went the first quarter in a quick :21.74. Bettin on M J continued to close the gap on Jose, and he got his head in front of Jose's at the half-mile pole in :45.07, with Love's Strong Hart closing in on the leaders, as Outcashem began to shorten stride. Approaching the wire, Bettin On M J pulled away by more than two lengths, while Jose dug in gamely to hold off the persistent drive of Love's Strong Hart by a neck in the battle for second. Outcashem finished fourth. With Gerald Almodovar aboard, Bettin On M J stopped the timer in :51.42.

As Cartagena exchanged hugs with his wife and four daughters in the winner's circle he said, "The race went nice, really nice. This horse is really something, I tell you. He is all heart. I gave him six or maybe eight weeks off, and he came back to run like this. He is really amazing."

Almodovar added, "I knew that Jose is real quick, so I just got my horse to relax a little bit, and sat just off of him. I waited for the turn to make my move. I knew that I had a lot of horse under me, and at the end I just drew off easy. During the race I kept looking back to see if Outcashem was going to come up, but he didn't. Bettin On M J is a very, very nice horse."

Bettin On M J, a 6-year-old Florida-bred son of Quaker Ridge, was claimed by Cartagena's daughter, Keisy Cartagena, for $15,000 at Charles Town in June 2007. His first start for the Cartagena family was a victory in the HBPA Dash at Charles Town on August 5. In his four starts since then (all at Charles Town), he has only once failed to win —while finishing second to Jose in September.

Bettin On M J's latest victory boosted his career earnings to $307,566.

In other racing action, Big Lick Farm's **Suzzona** ran away from a field of allowance fillies and mares on April 17. The Ronnie Kline trainee broke on top in the seven-furlong event, was two in front at the quarter, four in front at the half, six in front in the stretch, and stopped the timer in 1:29.52, four lengths in front of the field. Apprentice Katie Crews was in the irons for Suzzona's victory. ✹

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Owner/trainer Bob Seeger a force at Philadelphia Park

by Linda Dougherty

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Bob Seeger has been one of the most successful owner/trainers in the Mid-Atlantic region for nearly three decades, consistently finding the winner's circle with a mixture of homebreds and diamonds in the rough mined from the claiming ranks. True to his past performances, he's off and running toward another productive season.

In 2007, for the third consecutive year, Seeger's Plumstead Stables was honored by the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association as the leading owner at Philadelphia Park.

On the national level, horses carrying Plumstead Stables's red and blue silks won 64 races in 2005, 84 races in 2006 and 70 races in 2007. The stable ranked 11th in the nation by number of wins in 2006.

His training statistics are equally impressive. In 2005, Seeger compiled a record of 81 victories from 459 starts, with $1,336,735 in earnings; in 2006, he tightened the girth on 100 winners from 468 starts and earned $1,471,984; and last year his horses won 86 of 406 starts and earned $1,725,407.

Despite increased competition brought about by slots-enhanced purses at Philadelphia, Seeger remains in the forefront at this track. He is ranked fourth in the trainers' standings this season (through April 30), with 23 wins from 117 starts, and stable earnings of more $650,000. The star of his Philadelphia division is homebred Chase the Line (by Line In The Sand), who captured the $75,000 Docent Handicap in February.

At Penn National, where he is competing this year on a regular basis, Seeger's runners have won 10 of 31 starts through April, and earned more than $100,000.

Seeger's success didn't come overnight. After he took out his trainer's license and set up a modest shop at Penn National

in 1982, the wins came infrequently. But the 57-year-old native of Philadelphia applied his business smarts gained from running a car dealership in Doylestown, Pa. (which he sold in the early 1980s) to his Thoroughbred operation, fine-tuning it along the way.

One of the keys, he said, is the fact that he owns more than 95 percent of the horses in his barn.

"I have turned down a lot of owners—from California, from the Midwest, Chicago. . . you get spoiled training for yourself," said Seeger. "Look at it this way: A trainer who operates by charging a day rate would have to win five times as many races to make as much money as I do.

"What trainers don't realize about day money is, by the time you sit down and figure out your costs—insurance, transportation, health coverage, taxes, blacksmiths and bonuses for your help—all those things, if you can make $10 per day, you're doing good. That's why I've always trained primarily for myself."

Seeger said that making his own decisions with his runners, and not having to consult with an owner who may have other ideas, is one of the luxuries that he enjoys.

"So many owners in the game today are in it for a little while, and suddenly they want to train their horses, and enter their horses," he said. "It's a lot of communication back and forth.

"I've had a few people that I've trained for over the years that, after I've worked for them a while, they start saying, 'Maybe we should go here, maybe we should run there.' To that I say if you don't like my opinion, then you should pay someone whose opinion you like. If you pay me for my opinion, and you don't think my opinion is correct, well, I've got news for you, that's why you pay me."

Seeger's operation is divided on several fronts. He stables 40 horses at Philadelphia Park, and another 20 at Penn National. He has a farm and training facility in Ocala, Fla., as well as a breeding facility in Tower City, Pa., about 34 miles north of Grantville.

Homebreds have always been an integral part of Seeger's operation, and he and his wife, Roberta, have participated in the Pennsylvania breeding program for more than 20 years.

From one foundation mare, Manhattan Gold (by Quadratic), came 12 foals, all winners, including the first horse that made Seeger a familiar name to Mid-Atlantic handicappers—Tri for the Gold.

A son of Triocala, Tri for the Gold won the Grade 3 Garden State Stakes, as well as the Pennsylvania Futurity and five other added-money races, earning $282,760. He was a leading sire in Pennsylvania before his death in 2004.

Other notable progeny of Manhattan Gold include Golden Lake (by Salt Lake), who won three stakes and placed in four others, earning $192,117, stakes-placed Manhattan Vice (Vice Regent), an earner of $130,720, and Chasmanhattan (by the little-known sire Space Cup).

Before coming to the Seegers, Manhattan Gold produced three foals who also were winners; thus, from a total of 15 foals, she is a 100 percent producer.

Her daughter Chasmanhattan, now 16, has also proven prolific for Seeger. She has produced eight foals to race, all winners, including stakes winner Chase the Line ($245,616), stakes-placed Chase for the Gold ($125,328) and 11-time winner Manhattan Miner ($201,359). Five of Chasmanhattan's foals have earned six figures, and her daughter Chasevalay is also a stakes producer.

Another aspect of the sport in which Seeger excels is the claiming game. Some of his more famous claims over the years have been Tragedy, a son of Cherokee Fellow who won 19 races for Seeger and still holds the track record at Philadelphia Park for one mile, 70 yards (1:38.60, set in 1995), and Stringtown Wonder, who was honored as Philadelphia Park's Horse of the Year in 2006 after he won 12 races, the most by any horse in the nation that season.

Among Seeger's other local legends was graded stakes winner England Expects, whom he brought back from a tendon injury to capture Philadelphia's Legal Light Stakes in 1995. Today, Tragedy and England Expects share a paddock as retirees on Seeger's Florida farm.

Said Seeger: "When I claim a horse, I do very well changing things up. I look at the pedigree and what distance they've been running, and maybe the pedigree says they should be going long and they've been sprinting, or the other way around. Or maybe they're running on the wrong surface. But it's been a winning formula."

Longtime friend Ralph Repoli, a turf writer, handicapper and jockey agent for Eddie King Jr., said he believes that Seeger's thoroughness and attention to detail have been paramount to his achievements.

"He is one of the most thorough guys I've ever met," said Repoli. "When he first started in racing, he took any inexperience he may have had and made it an advantage by studying all facets of the game. A lot of horses he bred weren't Kentucky bluebloods, but there was a purpose to every horse, and he bought fillies that fit his program. Whatever success he's achieved, it's well earned. He did things his own way."

Asked if there was anything left that he'd like to do, Seeger—who has more than 1,100 victories as a trainer—responded: "I'm trying to breed the best horses I can, trying to hit that home run and win a Grade 1 stakes.

"Let's face it, people who buy the most expensive horses don't win all the races, so there's lots of room for people like me." ✹

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Rutledge Cat (left) and Alydar's Causeway will launch their stud careers at Harold Shotwell's farm in Charles Town, W.Va.

TWO STALLIONS ADDED TO SHOTWELL FARM ROSTER

Two well-bred young stallions—Rutledge Cat and Alydar's Causeway—have taken up residence at Harold Shotwell's Shotwell Farm in Charles Town, W.Va., to launch their stud careers. The 4-year-olds, bred and owned by Hermen Greenberg's Rutledge Farm, both retire as winners and are standing their first season for $1,000 live foal.

Stakes-placed Rutledge Cat, a son of leading juvenile sire Tale of the Cat out of stakes-placed Rutledge Affair (by Belmont Stakes winner Colonial Affair), made 10 starts at 2 and 3, hitting the board six times and earning $109,747. Never worse than third in five starts during his juvenile campaign, Rutledge Cat broke his maiden by three and a quarter lengths going a mile and sixteenth over Keeneland's synthetic track. In his next, and final, start of the season, the bay colt finished second to Strike a Deal in the Laurel Futurity on the turf.

At 3, Rutledge Cat was beaten three lengths when finishing fourth in his first start of the year, the Grade 3 Tropical Park Derby. That fall he came home four and a half lengths in front in a seven-furlong allowance at Keeneland. In his final career start, Rutledge Cat ended up sixth, beaten just two lengths by winner Monterey Jazz, in the Grade 3 Sir Beaufort Stakes at Santa Anita, contested at one mile on the turf.

Rutledge Cat descends from the family of Irish champion Ragusa and Irish classic winners Sarah Siddons and Princess Pati. His second dam is Look Who's Dancing, a winning daughter of Triple Crown winner Affirmed; his third dam is stakes winner Princess Ivor (by Sir Ivor).

Alydar's Causeway is the first son of champion race horse and sire Giant's Causeway to stand in the Mid-Atlantic region. The chestnut colt broke his maiden in his career debut in January of his 3-year-old season, going seven furlongs in maiden special weight company at Laurel Park, then finished third next out in an allowance to Etude (who came back in his next start to win the Private Terms Stakes at Laurel).

In his third outing in three months, Alydar's Causeway finished off the board at Turfway Park. That would prove to be his final start, and he retires with earnings of $20,781.

Produced by the winning Alydar mare Eye Catching, Alydar's Causeway is a half-brother to stakes-winning $389,190-earner Lady Melesi, the dam of multiple graded stakes-placed Doc Cheney and 2008 stakes-placed 3-year-old Roman Emperor. His second dam, A Pretty Smile (by Honest Pleasure), is a half-sister to champion handicap mare and broodmare of the year Relaxing.

When bred to Alydar, Relaxing produced two Grade 1 winners. Her son Easy Goer was a champion at 2, an earner of more than $4.8 million and a nine-time Grade 1 winner with classic success in the Belmont Stakes. Relaxing's Alydar daughter, Cadillacing, won the Ballerina Stakes-G1 and is the dam of Grade 1 winner Strolling Along, multiple graded winner Cat Cay and graded stakes-placed runner and top Mid-Atlantic sire Lion Hearted. Relaxing is also the dam of Grade 1 winner Easy Now.

Alydar's Causeway's third dam is Acorn Stakes winner Marking Time.

Stallions new to region

ALYDAR'S CAUSEWAY, ch., 2004, by Giant's Causeway—Eye Catching, by Alydar. 1 win, $20,781. Rutledge Farm (Hermen Greenberg) at Shotwell Farm, 1237 Earle Rd., Charles Town, W.Va. 25414. (304) 724-1211, fax 724-1199; e-mail: chshotwell@aol.com. $1,000 live foal. Stands first season in 2008.

RUTLEDGE CAT, b., 2004, by Tale of the Cat—Rutledge Affair, by Colonial Affair. SP, 2 wins, $109,747. Rutledge Farm (Hermen Greenberg) at Shotwell Farm, 1237 Earle Rd., Charles Town, W.Va. 25414. (304) 724-1211, fax 724-1199; e-mail: chshotwell@aol.com. $1,000 live foal. Stands first season in 2008.

OFFSPRING OF FIRST-YEAR SIRE

LYDIA A. WILLIAMS

Love of Money, a Maryland-bred champion standing at Northview Stallion Station, is represented by this colt, who is the first foal out of Mrs. Janon Fisher III's mare Emerald N Pearls (by Rinka Das).

STALLION RANKINGS

Mid-Atlantic region leading sires in 2008

Top 65 stallions who currently stand or concluded their careers in Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia.
These statistics were supplied by Bloodstock Research Information Services (BRIS). Exact date is at the discretion of BRIS. †Denotes freshman sire. The following statistics, compiled on May 4, reflect 2008 earnings from the following countries—Canada, England, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Puerto Rico, U.A.E. and the U.S. Statistics from Australia, Japan, Hong Kong and countries in South America are not included.

		Foals	Runners	Starts	Winners	Races Won	Leading Earner	Earnings	%Wnrs./ Runners	Avg./ Runner
1.	Not For Love (Md)	611	114	347	39	47	Love Co ($72,180)	$1,210,140	34	$10,615
2.	Outflanker (Md)	351	90	293	34	43	Bayou's Lassie ($177,671)	1,009,540	38	11,217
3.	Siphon (Brz) (Pa)	467	59	176	20	28	Z Fortune ($329,000)	889,447	34	15,075
4.	Lion Hearted (Md)	286	79	249	31	37	Control System ($97,990)	865,399	39	10,954
5.	Buddha (Pa)	335	101	314	32	44	Miss Buddhafull ($103,467)	806,737	32	7,987
6.	Partner's Hero (Pa)	319	82	259	28	40	Our Partner ($79,000)	741,479	34	9,042
7.	Two Punch (Md)	905	74	219	22	32	Lightening Flash ($57,180)	697,329	30	9,423
8.	Snow Ridge (Pa)	144	51	151	21	26	Bebob ($51,400)	584,533	41	11,461
9.	Louis Quatorze (Md)	564	82	265	24	33	The Vin Man ($48,360)	575,702	29	7,021
10.	Service Stripe (Pa)	290	61	196	23	35	Chaplain Charlie ($44,078)	573,685	38	9,405
11.	Albert the Great (Pa)	190	64	189	24	32	Lenawee ($73,244)	562,851	38	8,795
12.	Crafty Friend (NJ)	289	53	156	18	25	Ever a Friend ($180,000)	505,426	34	9,536
13.	Lite the Fuse (Pa)	404	56	196	21	25	Going Ballistic ($71,500)	501,754	38	8,960
14.	Wheaton (deceased)	306	46	147	15	17	What's Your Point ($89,720)	492,335	33	10,703
15.	Real Quiet (Pa)	299	69	206	18	24	Real Property ($52,580)	462,891	26	6,709
16.	Delaware Township (Pa)	165	55	182	16	24	Electrify ($45,000)	452,497	29	8,227
17.	Allen's Prospect (deceased)	1,049	64	229	17	21	All Giving ($74,920)	415,536	27	6,493
18.	Flying Chevron (deceased)	147	22	66	10	16	Peach Flambe ($154,750)	411,653	45	18,712
19.	Eastern Echo (deceased)	521	46	139	19	27	Fancy Diamond ($61,200)	401,066	41	8,719
20.	Housebuster (deceased)	540	47	139	16	23	Big Patti ($48,270)	364,195	34	7,749
21.	Changeintheweather (Pa)	61	32	101	10	11	Latewinterstorm ($73,762)	286,819	31	8,963
22.	Prized (WV)	453	36	119	11	14	Brass Hat ($65,000)	286,745	31	7,965
23.	Meadow Monster (WV)	283	39	116	9	12	Run Itsamonster ($53,116)	270,583	23	6,938
24.	Luftikus (WV)	124	46	153	13	15	Youbeyoun'i'llbeme ($31,050)	268,097	28	5,828
25.	Unbridled Jet (NJ)	200	45	129	12	13	Jet Away Jane ($88,700)	267,314	27	5,940
26.	Kokand (WV)	441	43	148	14	18	Kokand's Capp ($19,800)	263,631	33	6,131
27.	Caller I. D. (deceased)	498	31	100	14	20	Froggy ($48,300)	247,956	45	7,999
28.	Way West (Fr) (deceased)	327	31	109	12	15	Color Parade ($51,300)	244,637	39	7,892
29.	Mojave Moon (Md)	165	50	161	13	15	Amy Whatuwannado ($19,000)	241,436	26	4,829
30.	Yarrow Brae (Md)	207	35	107	8	14	Trucksters Runner ($36,260)	233,070	23	6,659
31.	Defrere (NJ)	404	38	107	8	12	De Fearless One ($27,170)	227,980	21	5,999
32.	Makin (WV)	176	35	114	14	17	Makinmoon ($32,400)	226,622	40	6,475
33.	Power by Far (Pa)	62	20	67	4	5	Speedy Justin ($49,082)	217,217	20	10,861
34.	Crowd Pleaser (deceased)	132	24	69	8	11	Happy Surprise ($41,260)	215,358	33	8,973
35.	Will's Way (pensioned)	176	21	83	8	13	Love You Not ($55,420)	214,018	38	10,191
36.	Crypto Star (Md)	154	38	140	9	11	Lexi Star ($36,000)	206,224	24	5,427
37.	Prospect Bay (WV)	246	25	81	9	12	Prospective Kiss ($48,600)	198,253	36	7,930
38.	Go for Gin (Md)	313	29	91	9	11	Bootleg Annie ($33,540)	195,156	31	6,730
39.	Rock Slide (Md)	70	14	41	4	6	Lesly's Back ($61,320)	189,975	29	13,570
40.	Coastal Storm (Pa)	98	21	44	5	6	Stormy Empress ($33,696)	176,416	24	8,401
41.	Civilisation (WV)	108	32	90	10	11	Royal Citizen ($25,650)	153,782	31	4,806
42.	Family Calling (WV)	248	48	148	8	13	Inca Is Calling ($29,485)	153,488	17	3,198
43.	Patton (Pa)	380	30	101	7	8	One Cookie Edna ($25,620)	152,184	23	5,073
44.	Carnivalay (deceased)	593	17	53	7	7	Sonvida Red ($66,840)	145,393	41	8,553
45.	Private Interview (NJ)	180	23	67	10	11	Private Attack ($25,500)	144,504	43	6,283
46.	Quarry (Pa)	69	14	52	3	4	Gold Stones ($69,540)	143,653	21	10,261
47.	Wayne County (Ire) (Md)	198	16	64	6	8	Yo Can Do ($27,550)	134,586	38	8,412
48.	Polish Numbers (deceased)	513	22	56	4	6	Big Dealer ($36,200)	124,370	18	5,653
49.	Reparations (WV)	41	10	33	3	5	Smile Samantha ($39,150)	121,003	30	12,100
50.	Eastover Court (deceased)	168	28	91	6	7	Caber's Cutie ($20,870)	120,867	21	4,317
51.	Hay Halo (Va)	306	18	47	7	9	Stay In Line ($22,967)	119,723	39	6,651
52.	Dusty Screen (pensioned)	115	11	32	3	6	Gesche's Joy ($42,460)	117,015	27	10,638
53.	Seeking Daylight (Md)	49	15	46	3	4	Seeking Revenge ($29,700)	114,451	20	7,630
54.	Waquoit (deceased)	560	19	61	5	7	May One ($22,410)	114,109	26	6,006
55.	Citidancer (pensioned)	349	20	57	5	8	Rocky Blue ($22,451)	112,974	25	5,649
56.	No Armistice (Md)	62	23	54	6	6	Disengagement ($18,528)	111,726	26	4,858
57.	Emancipator (WV)	74	15	46	6	8	Mr. Emancipator ($25,400)	110,840	40	7,389
58.	Two Smart (deceased)	34	12	28	4	6	Painted Clown ($24,610)	109,970	33	9,164
59.	Purple Passion (Md)	36	13	44	5	6	Ursula's Passion ($25,540)	100,100	38	7,700
60.	Castine (WV)	66	21	70	4	6	Cavalry n' Gold ($28,153)	98,359	19	4,684
61.	Parker's Storm Cat (Md)	106	14	41	5	7	Parky ($27,180)	97,426	36	6,959
62.	Black Tie Affair (Ire) (WV)	727	19	46	3	3	Vesper ($27,770)	95,696	16	5,037
63.	Valiant Nature (WV)	210	20	61	5	5	Valiant Love ($23,800)	95,670	25	4,784
64.	Chelsey Cat (NC)	71	22	89	8	11	Some Say ($19,200)	95,026	36	4,319
65.	My Boy Adam (WV)	263	19	54	2	5	Shes Pretty Fancy ($67,200)	94,760	11	4,987

Looking back

From *The Maryland Horse* (published 1936 to 1997) and *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred*

SKIP BALL

Halo, standing at E.P. Taylor's Windfields in Chesapeake City, Md., was emerging as a major sire.

25 YEARS AGO

■ The winners of the first two legs of the 1983 Triple Crown —Kentucky Derby winner Sunny's Halo and Preakness winner Deputed Testamony— had several things in common. Both were conceived in Maryland and out of modestly-bred mares. And each raced as a homebred.

In 1979, Canadian David (Pud) Foster sent his mare Mostly Sunny (a daughter of the mostly forgettable stallion Sunny), whom he had purchased as a yearling for $3,900, to Halo, then standing at Windfields Farm in Chesapeake City for $7,500. The product of that mating, Sunny's Halo, captured the Derby by nearly three lengths, putting his estimated value at more than $12 million.

Francis (Bunny) Sears and the Boniface family's Bonita Farm got Deputed Testamony after breeding former cheap claiming mare Proof Requested to Bonita's new stallion Traffic Cop, who had been judged a failure in Kentucky (he stood for $1,000 in 1983).

Deputed Testamony was later syndicated for $5 million.

■ Halo, purchased by E.P. Taylor as a 5-year-old before the conclusion of his racing career, entered stud at Windfields in 1975 with little fanfare. It wasn't until his daughters Glorious Song, Canadian horse of the year, and Rainbow Connection, a multiple Canadian champion, came along that his reputation grew, though primarily as a filly sire.

In 1981, Halo covered 64 mares, the greatest number ever sent to any stallion at Windfields. By 1983, Halo stood for $30,000. "This year his book is 55 and that's it, period," said Joe Hickey, Windfields's administrative manager, after the Kentucky Derby. "We consider 55 to be a sensible maximum number for a virile horse like Halo."

■ The Maryland Sales Agency's May selected 2-year-olds in training sale reached record levels for average ($18,629) and gross ($2,123,700) for a juvenile auction in Maryland.

Highest price of 114 juveniles sold was an Olden Times colt consigned by James Hechter and purchased by agent Russell Michael Jr. for $73,000.

■ Mrs. Bayard Sharp's Dixieland Band, named champion Maryland-bred 2-year-old male over Deputed Testamony, recorded a derby win when he overcame a poor start in the $200,000 Pennsylvania Derby-G2 and gritted out a neck victory.

Trained by Charlie Peoples, the son of Windfields stallion Northern Dancer had been sidelined by a curb over the winter and didn't make his first start as a 3-year-old until April. The Pennsylvania Derby was his first victory of the season.

50 YEARS AGO

■ Considered by trainer Jimmy Jones as the best of Calumet Farm's crop of 1955 long before he made his first start, Tim Tam arrived at Pimlico in 1958 riding a seven-race win streak that began in February. Six of those wins were stakes, including the Kentucky Derby. He extended the streak with a victory over 11 rivals in the Preakness.

Ridden by Ismael Valenzuela, who was substituting for a sidelined Bill Hartack, Tim Tam won by a length and a half over frontrunner Lincoln Road, who had also finished second in the Derby.

The Belmont Stakes appeared to be at the mercy of Tim Tam, but the son of champions Tom Fool and Two Lea (by Bull Lea) fractured a sesamoid while going for the lead in the stretch. Amazingly, he somehow still managed to finish second to Cavan. Tim Tam survived his injury and was able to stand at stud, siring more than a dozen stakes winners, including champion Tosmah.

Tim Tam was inducted in the Racing Hall of Fame in 1985. Valenzuela, who rode Tim Tam through the classics, is being inducted into the Hall of Fame this year.

■ Howard Jones's Daumay (by *Daumier) held off Movitave to win the Black-Eyed Susan Stakes by a head.

It was the second time in less than two weeks that Movitave had to settle for second. The filly owned by Knollwood Stable was runner-up to the colt Mickey Boy in the inaugural running of the Maryland Derby, held on the closing day of Laurel's spring meet. Both Mickey Boy, owned and trained by Alec J. Bullock, and Movitave were by Maryland sire Colonel Mike.

10 YEARS AGO

■ Tom Voss-trained Florida Law, the nearly white 12-year-old gelding who came tantalizingly close to winning the Maryland Hunt Cup three times, finally succeeded by taking the 102nd running after an awe-inspiring stretch run.

Owned by Bachelors' Hall, a partnership of Harry Filbert, Francis Knott and Voss, Florida Law caught stablemate Welter Weight in the closing strides to win by a head. It was also the first Hunt Cup victory for Voss and rider Joe Gillet Davies.

"It's a thrill, and I didn't think it would be this big of a thrill," said Voss, who had saddled four consecutive Hunt Cup second-place finishers before getting the win. "The horse should have won this race two or three times and it was so painful for everyone. . . now he has something to show for it."

Florida Law's nemesis, Buck Jakes, appeared poised to take his third Hunt Cup in four years, but fell at the 18th fence.

■ New Jersey-bred Jersey Girl was fast becoming one of the top 3-year-old fillies in the country. From the first crop of Belong to Me, the New Jersey-bred champion sprinter of 1992 who launched his stud career in New York, Jersey Girl competed for Ackerley Brothers Farm (Robert and Leland Ackerley). Trainer Todd Pletcher purchased the filly on the Ackerleys' behalf for $220,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Florida Selected 2-year-olds in Training sale.

In her first three starts of the year, Jersey Girl was undefeated, winning by a combined margin of 17 lengths. Her scores included the Grade 3 Cicada Stakes at Aqueduct.

Mac Fehsenfeld bred Jersey Girl out of the Valid Appeal mare Miss Bold Appeal, whom he purchased as a 4-year-old racing prospect for $5,000. The mare never started for Fehsenfeld, but produced Jersey Girl as her first foal.

■ A weekly half-hour television show, *Let's Go Racing*, co-sponsored by the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association and Philadelphia Park, debuted in March on Comcast Sportsnet. Co-hosted by Bruce Casella and Philadelphia *Daily News* writer Dick Jerardi, the show covered both national and local racing.

Let's Go Racing *is still on the air. Replays can be seen on the show's Web site at www.letsgoracingnow.com.*

Mid-Atlantic-bred stakes winners

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05	7	2	1 (1)	1	67,060
06 (sw)	6	1 (1)	2 (2)	1 (1)	69,060
07 (sw)	5	3 (3)	1 (1)	0	314,163
08 (sw)	1	1 (1)	0	0	60,000
	*27	9 (5)	4 (4)	3 (1)	$543,563 (through April 12)

*Includes NSA sanctioned starts

2005: 2nd **U.S. Championship Supreme Hurdle S-NSA1. 2006:** 1st $50,000 **David L. "Zeke" Ferguson Memorial Hurdle S-NSA3,** 2¼ mi. over National fences, 4 & up, Colonial, July 16; 2nd **Temple Gwathmey Hurdle S-NSA2, A.P. Smithwick Memorial Hurdle S-NSA2;** 3rd **Carolina Cup Hurdle S-NSA2. 2007:** 1st $150,000 **Iroquois Hurdle S-NSA1,** 3 mi. over National fences, 4 & up, Percy Warner, May 12; $150,000 **Lonesome Glory Steeplechase S-NSA1,** 2½ mi. over National fences, 4 & up, Belmont, Sept. 22; $150,000 **Colonial Cup Hurdle S-NSA1,** 2¾ mi. over Colonial Cup course, 4 & up, Camden, Nov. 18; 2nd **Royal Chase Hurdle S-NSA1. 2008:** 1st $100,000 **Georgia Cup Hurdle S-NSA1,** 2 mi. over National fences, 4 & up, Atlanta, April 12.

Bred by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman (Md.); owned by Harold A. Via Jr.; trained by Jack Fisher.

Sire: **CONCERN,** dk.b./br., 91, stands at Oklahoma Equine, Washington, Okla.

Dam: **Hot Story,** ch., 89, bred by Blue Seas Music Inc. (W.Va.). Raced 4 years, 16 starts, 4 wins at 4 and 5, $68,039, 2nd W.Va. Lottery and Dept. of Tourism Breeders Classic S.

96 You May Call Me, dk.b./br.f. by Private Terms. Raced 2 years, 12 starts at 2 and 3, 0 wins, $37,216.

97 Hot Warsaw Nights, b.c. by Polish Numbers. Raced 3 years, 20 starts, 2 wins at 4 and 6, $34,200.

98 Fresh Bait, dk.b./br.c. by Private Terms. Raced 2 years, 17 starts, 4 wins at 4, $56,736.

99-00 Barren.

01 **GOOD NIGHT SHIRT,** ch.g. by Concern.

02 ch.c. by Citidancer. (FTM Sept 03—$6,000)

03 On the Throttle, dk.b./br.g. by Lion Hearted. Raced 1 year, 6 starts, 1 win at 3, $41,744. (FTM Dec 03—$24,000; Kee Sept 04—$60,000)

05 Story of a Lion, dk.b./br.f. by Lion Hearted. Raced 1 year, 4 starts, 3 wins at 2, $53,600. (FTM Dec 05—$3,500; FTM Oct 06—$9,000)

06 Under Shirt, b.c. by Polish Miner. Unraced.

LEXI STAR

Geisha Stakes
$60,000-guaranteed, 1 1/16 mi., registered Maryland-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up. Pimlico, April 19.

	Cryptoclearance	Fappiano	Mr. Prospector
			Killaloe
		Naval Orange	Hoist the Flag
Crypto Star			Mock Orange
	One I Love	Sir Ivor	Sir Gaylord
			Attica
		Delta Empress	Delta Judge
Lexi Star, dk.b./br.m., 2002			Regal Demand
		Danzig	Northern Dancer
	Corridor Key		Pas de Nom
		Come My Prince	Prince John
Frozen Lock			Come Hither Look
	Reykjavik's Pride	Akureyri	Buckpasser
			Royal Statute
		Pilgrim's Pride	First Landing
			Slipperoo

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
04	1	0	0	0	$ 720
05	5	2	1 (1)	1 (1)	79,280
06 (sw)	6	3 (1)	0	0	99,420
07 (sw)	10	4 (3)	2 (2)	1 (1)	273,204
08 (sw)	1	1 (1)	0	0	36,000
	23	10 (5)	3 (3)	2 (2)	$488,624 (through April 19)

2005: 2nd **Maryland Million Oaks;** 3rd **Anne Arundel S. 2006:** 1st $54,000 **Justakiss S,** 1 1/16 mi., fillies and mares, 3 & up, Delaware, Nov. 19. **2007:** 1st $100,000 **Nellie Morse S** (includes $20,000 Md. Fund and $20,000 Maryland Million), 1 mi., fillies and mares, 4 & up, Laurel, Jan. 27; $100,000 **Maryland Racing Media Association H** (includes $20,000 Md. Fund and $20,000 Maryland Million), 1⅛ mi., fillies and mares, 3 & up, Laurel, Feb. 24; $60,000 **Geisha H,** 1⅛ mi., registered Md.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Laurel, Dec. 8; 2nd **Molly Pitcher Breeders' Cup S-G2, Red Cross S;** 3rd **Maryland Million Ladies S. 2008:** 1st $60,000 **Geisha S,** 1 1/16 mi., registered Md.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Pimlico, April 19.

Bred and owned by Stephen E. Quick (Md.); trained by Christopher W. Grove.

Sire: **CRYPTO STAR,** dk.b./br., 94, stands at Murmur Farm, Darlington, Md.

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Dam: **Frozen Lock,** dk.b./br., 90, bred by Stephen E. Quick (Md.). Raced 5 years, 43 starts, 13 wins, 3 to 7, $102,620, 2nd Gold Digger S.
99 Foal died.
00 dk.b./br.c. by Allen's Prospect.
01 Frio, b.g. by Wayne County (Ire). Unraced.
02 **LEXI STAR,** dk.b./br.f. by Crypto Star.
04 **Gentlemen's Locket,** b.f. by Gentlemen (Arg). Raced 1 year, 12 starts, 1 win at 3, $39,370, 3rd Pearl Necklace S.
05 Locked in Love, dk.b./br.c. by Not For Love. Unraced.
06 Gravitational Pull, b.c. by Crypto Star. Unraced.
07 dk.b./br.f. by Dance With Ravens.

MOON CATCHER

Emergency Nurse Stakes

$32,500-guaranteed, 1⅛ mi., fillies and mares, 3 & up. Calder Race Course, April 27.

	A.P. Indy	Seattle Slew	Bold Reasoning
			My Charmer
		Weekend Surprise	Secretariat
	Malibu Moon		Lassie Dear
		Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native
	Macoumba		Gold Digger
		Maximova (Fr)	Green Dancer
Moon Catcher, b.f., 2004			Baracala
	Smarten	Cyane	*Turn-to
			Your Game
		Smartaire	*Quibu
	Smartster		Art Teacher
		*Vaguely Noble	Vienna
	Alabaster		Noble Lassie
		Hi Little Gal	Bar Le Duc
			Salma

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
06	unraced				
07 (sw)	11	6 (3)	1	1	$663,450
08 (sw)	2	1 (1)	0	0	19,500
	13	7 (4)	1	1	$682,950 (through April 27)

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Bred by Albert H. Cohen, Randy L. Cohen and A. Ferris Allen III (Md.); owned by Marsha Naify; trained by Christophe Clement.

Sire: **MALIBU MOON,** b., 97, stands at Spendthrift Farm, Lexington, Ky.
Dam: SMARTSTER, dk.b./br., 86, bred by Ryehill Farm (Md.). Raced 4 years, 31 starts, 7 wins, 4 to 6, $53,184. (FTK Sept 87—$27,000)
92 Barren.
93 **SMARTEN UP,** b.g. by Baederwood. Raced 8 years, 43 starts, 11 wins, 3 to 9, $140,126, Loser Weeper S.
94 Badsmart, b.f. by Baederwood. Raced 4 years, 27 starts, 4 wins at 4 and 5, $45,967. Sent to Korea 2001.
95 Barren.
96 Little Dove, b.f. by Baederwood. Raced 1 year, 1 start at 3, 0 wins, $2,200. Producer.
97 Deersmart, dk.b./br.c. by Deerhound. Unraced.
98 Smart N Polished, b.f. by Polish Numbers. Raced 2 years, 20 starts, 1 win at 4, $38,630.
99 Barren.
01 Saltster, dk.b./br.f. by Salt Lake. Raced 4 years, 22 starts, 7 wins at 2, 4 and 5, $130,760.
02 Bert Allen, dk.b./br.g. by Mutakddim. Raced 1 year, 4 starts at 2, 0 wins, $14,180.
03 Barren.
04 **MOON CATCHER,** b.f. by Malibu Moon. (FTM Dec 04—$49,000; Kee Sept 05—$75,000; Kee Jan 08—$1,350,000)
06 Smart Hero, b.f. by Partner's Hero. Unraced. (FTM Oct 07—$5,500)

SHEELER

Star de Naskra Stakes

$50,000-guaranteed, 6 fur., registered Maryland-bred 3-year-olds. Pimlico, April 17.

	Dixieland Band	Northern Dancer	Nearctic
			Natalma
		Mississippi Mud	Delta Judge
	Dixie Union		Sand Buggy
		Capote	Seattle Slew
			Too Bald
	She's Tops	She's a Talent	Mr. Prospector
			Paintbrush
Sheeler, b.c., 2005		Ack Ack	Battle Joined
	Broad Brush		Fast Turn
		Hay Patcher	Hoist the Flag
	Special Broad		Turn to Talent
		Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native
	Special Strike		Gold Digger
		Supreme Delight	Fathers Image
			Deeptrust

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
07	4	1	0	1	$15,040
08 (sw)	4	2 (1)	1	1	54,480
	8	3 (1)	1	2	$69,520 (through April 17)

2008: 1st $50,000 **Star de Naskra S,** 6 fur., registered Md.-bred 3-year-olds, Pimlico, April 17.

Bred by Fitzhugh LLC (Md.); owned by H. Neil Glasser; trained by Dale Capuano.

Sire: **DIXIE UNION,** dk.b./br., 97, stands at Lane's End, Versailles, Ky.
Dam: **SPECIAL BROAD,** dk.b./br., 92, bred by Robert E. Meyerhoff (Md.). Raced 4 years, 25 starts, 5 wins, 2 to 4, $265,270, Tempted S-G3, 2nd Selima S-G3, Debby's Turn S, Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship S, Truly Bound S, Wide Country S, 3rd Demoiselle S-G2, Caesar's Wish S, Tiffany Lass S.
98 Broad Valley Gal, dk.b./br.f. by Valley Crossing. Raced 2 years, 9 starts at 2 and 3, 0 wins, $3,405. (Kee Sept 99—$15,000)
99 Freedom of Port, dk.b./br.f. by Cryptoclearance. Raced 4 years, 21 starts, 5 wins at 3 and 4, $88,315. Producer.
00 Special Minister, dk.b./br.c. by Silver Deputy. Unraced.
01 Silverine, dk.b./br.f. by Silver Deputy. In England, raced 1 year, 1 start at 2, 0 wins, $0. (Kee Sept 02—$45,000)
02 Special Charade, dk.b./br.g. by Cat Thief. Raced 3 years, 15 starts, 2 wins at 3, $21,960. Died 2006.
03 Slipped.
04 Special Union, dk.b./br.c. by Dixie Union. Raced 3 years, 14 starts, 2 wins at 3, $78,258.
05 **SHEELER,** b.c. by Dixie Union.
06 dk.b./br.f. by Mr. Greeley. (Kee Sept 07—$100,000)
07 b.c. by Indian Charlie.

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PRIVATE ATTACK

Grand National Timber Stakes

$35,000-guaranteed, 3¼ mi. over timber, 5 & up. Butler, April 19.

	Nureyev	Northern Dancer	Nearctic
			Natalma
		Special	*Forli
	Private Interview		Thong
		Stop the Music	Hail to Reason
	Sophisticated Girl		Bebopper
		Close Control	Dunce
Private Attack, dk.b./br.h., 1999			Self Control
	Red Attack	Alydar	Raise a Native
			Sweet Tooth
		Miss Betty	Buckpasser
	Ruby Sunset		In the Clouds
		Majestic Light	Majestic Prince
			Irradiate
	Feighter		Sir Gaylord
		Maroon Belle	Frederick Street

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings	
01-02	unraced					
03	4	0	0	0	$ 400	
04	1	0	0	0	500	
05	3	0	1	0	2,700	
06	3	0	0	1	1,600	
07	4	0	2	0	5,250	
08 (sw)	1	1 (1)	0	0	21,000	
	*16	1 (1)	3	1	$31,450	(through April 12)

*Includes NSA sanctioned starts

2008: 1st $35,000 **Grand National Timber S,** 3¼ mi. over timber, 5 & up, Butler, April 19. Bred by Colonial Farms (N.J.); owned by Sportsmans Hall; trained by Alicia Murphy.

Sire: **PRIVATE INTERVIEW,** b., 92, stands at Colonial Farms, Colts Neck, N.J.

Dam: RUBY SUNSET, b., 92, bred by G. Bruce Cole (Ky.). Raced 2 years, 24 starts, 1 win at 3, $16,999. (FTK Sept 93—$4,500; FTM Dec 99—$1,600 in foal to Castle Guard)

97 Kelly B Kwik, ch.f. by Linkage. Raced 1 year, 2 starts at 2, 0 wins, $80.

98 Twilight Interview, b.c. by Private Interview. Raced 4 years, 42 starts, 3 wins at 3 and 4, $143,109.

99 **PRIVATE ATTACK,** dk.b./br.c. by Private Interview. (FTM Dec 00—$600)

00 Cassie's Sunset, ch.f. by Castle Guard. Unraced. Died 2005.

01 Chris Sunset, ch.f. by Fleg. Unraced.

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A Wondrous Stakes Win!

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TWO PUNCH's REATA'S QUIK PUNCH Knocks Out 4 1/2 Length Stakes Victory!

REATA'S QUIK PUNCH has come out firing for her 3-year-old campaign, winning her first two starts, including an emphatic four and a half length win in the $75,000 Wonders Delight S. at Penn National on May 8.

Displaying the speed we come to expect from the offspring of **TWO PUNCH**, the Pennsylvania-bred filly went immediately to the front in the 6 fur. Wonders Delight, dared the nine other fillies to catch her after a quarter in :21.80 and a half in :45.05, and drew off through the stretch, stopping the clock in 1:09.78. The time was .20 faster than 3-year-old colts posted in the stakes run one race later.

REATA'S QUIK PUNCH is trained by Joe Orseno for owners Reata Thoroughbred Racing Farms and SJB Stable, who paid $230,000 for the chestnut filly at the 2007 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May 2-year-olds in training sale. Stakes-placed at 2, the filly launched her sophomore season with a gritty neck victory in a five and a half-furlong Gulfstream Park allowance, her first start in nearly seven months. From just five lifetime starts (three wins), she has earned $107,600.

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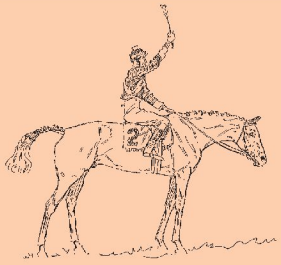

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Fenwick follows in famed family footsteps with Hunt Cup win

Story by Joe Clancy. Photographs by Douglas Lees

Charlie Fenwick III greeted a few Maryland Hunt Cup fans with some small talk about the Kentucky Derby—and a deep breath.

"This is a nerve-wracking day. A lot goes into it and you can't help thinking about it."

Facing his fifth ride in the historic race, Fenwick was killing time, pulling on his boots, discussing the weather, smoothing out his breeches, asking a 6-year-old kid about Little League baseball. And, apparently, getting ready to deliver a four-mile, 22-fence clinic. Fenwick steered Askim (NZ) to victory in the $75,000 timber stakes, run for the 112th time on April 26 at Glyndon. Owned by Irv Naylor and trained by Fenwick's mother, Ann Stewart, Askim took the lead between the final two fences and won by a length over Coal Dust, with Mr Liberator third, in 8:53.20.

Fenwick added to a Hunt Cup family tree that includes victories by his father, mother, grandfather and three cousins. Talk came more haltingly after the win, as the Hunt Cup heri-

Charlie Fenwick III, aboard Askim (NZ), gives victory sign.

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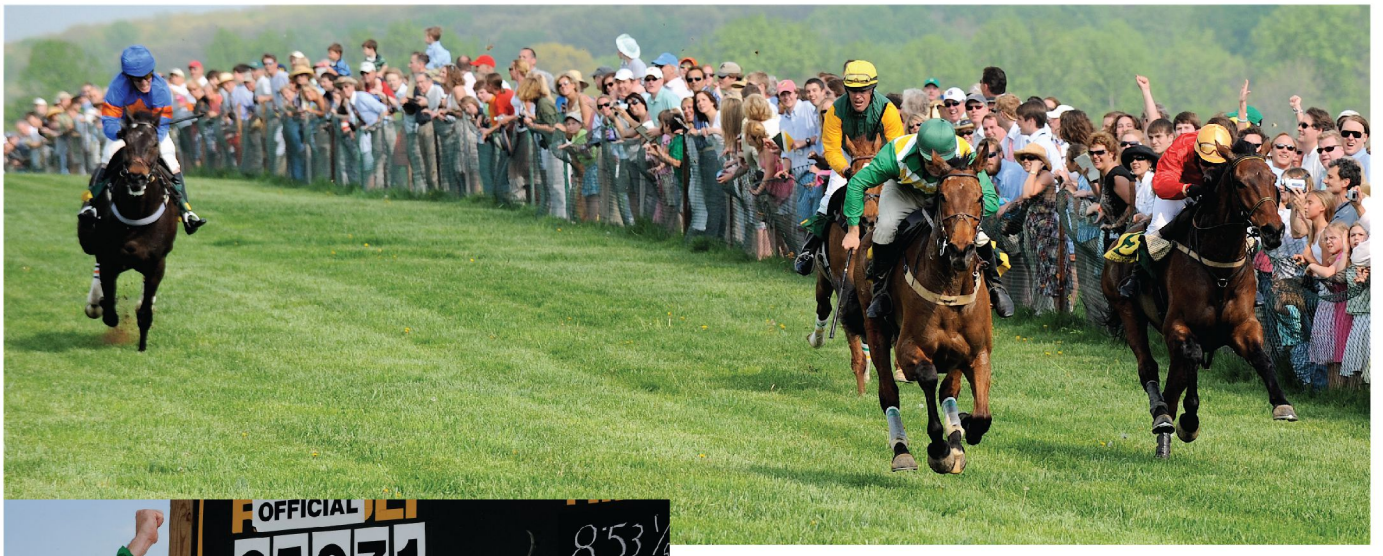

Finish of Hunt Cup: Askim (NZ) (center) scored by a length over Coal Dust, followed by Mr Liberator and Rosbrian (Ire) (on far left). Owner Irv Naylor and his wife, Diane, hold trophies, accompanied by trainer Ann Stewart and rider Charlie Fenwick III.

tage weighed heavily on the 34-year-old.

"It means a lot," he said, pausing to re-group. "It's quite emotional—it's just fun. Some of my earliest memories of childhood are right here."

For sure. Fenwick's father, Charlie Jr., won the Hunt Cup five times as a jockey and six times as a trainer. Askim's victory gave Stewart her fourth victory as a trainer. Fenwick's grandfather Cuppy Fenwick served as the race's secretary for 30 years. Another grandfather, Redmond Stewart Jr., rode in the race six times and won three times as an owner.

Great-grandfather Redmond Stewart Sr. finished second in the first Hunt Cup. Another great-grandfather, G. Bernard Fenwick, helped lay out the current race course in 1922. More recently, cousins Stewart Strawbridge, Sanna Hendriks and Kathy McKenna won the race as trainers and/or jockeys.

No wonder he was nervous. All that history would be pressure enough. Add a personal past-performance list of zero wins in four tries (a pull-up, two lost riders and a photo-finish second) dating to 2001, and anyone would sweat.

"I get really nervous; I guess there's a difference between fear and nerves, but there's not much of a difference for me anymore," Fenwick said. "It was nerve-wracking. If the horse has gone around this before, it's a little bit different, but he hadn't and you had to think about it."

Askim had done just about everything else though. Imported from New Zealand via Gill Fenwick (the rider's great-aunt), the son of Lord Ballina made his American debut in 2003. Quick and athletic, the horse looked like a potential star though he tested his trainer's mettle with soundness issues and stamina questions. Like few others, Stewart can craft ultimate success from a horse—eventually.

After five flat starts in New Zealand, Askim came to America and won a maiden timber at My Lady's Manor in April 2003. He backed that up with a timber stakes win at the Iroquois, going three miles. The streak went to three in 2004, as Askim won the My Lady's Manor timber stakes and people first started talking about the Hunt Cup.

Stewart wanted to be sure her horse could travel the four miles, however, and tried the Virginia Gold Cup—where Askim finished a well-beaten fifth. A nearly two-year vacation (forced by leg problems), pushed back any plans as Askim didn't start again until the 2006 Grand National timber stakes. He rocketed to a powerful win, again looking like a potential Hunt Cup horse—only Stewart again went the Gold Cup route, where Askim finished a distant third behind Miles Ahead. Extending his racing to the fall for the first time, Askim came back to take the Genesee Valley Hunt Cup and Pennsylvania Hunt Cup (the latter at four miles), and claim the National Steeplechase Association timber championship.

While being forced to the sidelines again, Askim missed all of 2007 and returned as a 12-year-old in 2008. Second to Private Attack in the Grand National, he moved forward off that effort to produce a stellar final mile in the Hunt Cup.

All of it was a little much for Stewart, who jogged across the Hunt Cup field to the winner's circle afterward, amazed at her horse and the process he went through.

"You make plans, that's what you do, but I had to change my plan too because I wasn't sure he could get four miles," she said. "I had to do Pennsylvania [in 2006] to find out, and because I did Pennsylvania I didn't get the next season. Then we came back this year. It worked and he won, but I didn't get him here the other times when I was trying to."

None of that matters now. Askim improved to 7-for-10 lifetime over timber and will forever be linked with the greatest steeplechase in North America because of his trainer's patience. Stewart expected a solid effort, but held no grand illusions of being the favorite.

"I expected to do well, but in this race you go in with fear and trepidation," she said. "Any trainer does, even the old experienced trainers—well, I guess I'm one of them now—come in with a lot of reverence for it. To me, it's the

greatest race in the whole world."

Nine horses made the Hunt Cup program, but only seven started as Bug River (bruised foot) and Private Attack (tied up) were scratched. Arguably the race favorites, the two left a hole in terms of past (Bug River had finished first or second in the last four runnings) and present (Private Attack came into the race off a devastating win in the Grand National a week earlier).

Trainer Regina Welsh said Bug River would be retired at age 15, one of 21 two-time Hunt Cup winners. Private Attack should return for a try in 2009.

Without those two, the race grew even more wide open. Just two starters, Rosbrian (Ire) and Lear Charm, had completed the course previously while Askim, Foiled Again and Mr Liberator all made their Hunt Cup debuts.

Mr Liberator (Billy Meister) took the lead at the start and set a deliberate pace over the first few fences as Coal Dust (James Slater), Askim and Lear Charm settled toward the back of the field. Rosbrian (Jake Chalfin) loped to the front at the seventh and carried the field through the next mile. At the 12th, Rosbrian still led over Foiled Again, Coal Dust, Mr Liberator, Make Your Own, Askim and Lear Charm. All in with a chance, the horses cleared the 13th to a loud cheer from the crowds assembled at the 4'9" obstacle. After three miles, the tempo quickened, as Mr Liberator and Coal Dust pressed Rosbrian on the lead. Still sixth, Askim nevertheless matched the increased pace and stayed within touch of the leaders.

Flying over the 19th, Coal Dust took the lead as the field turned toward the finish. Askim continued to gain, however, and moved to third after the 20th. At the 21st, a relatively small but tricky fence that leans away from horses and comes late in the race, Coal Dust showed the way but landed with a little less momentum than the winner as the others tired. Askim motored past and looked like an easy winner until Coal Dust dug in again after the last fence—narrowing a five-length advantage to just one at the finish.

Fenwick—who parted company with Swayo at the fence in 2005 and nearly did so with Rosbrian in 2006—paid particular credit to following Coal Dust over the 21st.

"I wanted to get a lead," he said. "The water jump may have cost me two other Maryland Hunt Cups and for whatever reason Coal Dust did not jump it as well as he did the other fences. I gained some ground on him there."

Clear over the last, Askim surged toward the finish line but felt the four miles—and maybe some of Fenwick's family pressure—in the final yards.

"I hope I don't get beat because it's going to be a tough way to lose," Fenwick said of his thoughts at the time. "He was coming back on me where I was certainly worried. Any time you go to the front here, the horse sees the cars [parked beyond the finish line] and wonders what's going on—especially a horse that's never done it before. You can get caught in the stretch."

Askim didn't, staving off a gallant Coal Dust, with Mr Liberator three and three-quarters lengths back in third. All seven horses finished.

"Askim is just a little bit quicker than Coal Dust," said Slater, who has ridden both horses. "He has a little bit better kick in the straight, and plus he had the added bonus of being able to draft behind my horse over the 19th and over the water. I knew he was there and the only thing I could think to do was try and drag him along. After the last was sheer guts by my horse. I got a great jump and I thought he might come back and get him.

"Unfortunately the wire came too soon, but you've got to be proud of the horse."

NOTES

The win was Naylor's second in the Hunt Cup, adding to Make Me a Champ's victory in 2005. Three victories by an owner retires the challenge cup, which was last claimed in 1983 by Joy Valentine. In addition to Naylor, owners with two notches on the trophy are Northwoods Stable, Move Up Stable and Arcadia Stable. Since Blockade retired the first cup in 1940, a Hunt Cup trophy has never lasted as long as the current one. . . Jockey Patrick Worrall returned to the Hunt Cup aboard fifth-place finisher Make Your Own after a lengthy break. Now 36, he won the race aboard Von Csadek in his last ride, in 1992 . . . The Hunt Cup honored longtime clerk of the course Tim Schweizer, who retired from his volunteer position after 24 years, in a pre-race ceremony. . . Askim was the second consecutive New Zealand-bred to win the Hunt Cup after The Bruce's victory in 2007. . . The last time every Hunt Cup starter finished was in 1961. ❧

Askim (NZ) clears the 13th fence, a notorious 4'9" obstacle that helps to make the Hunt Cup the world's toughest timber race.

MARYLAND HUNT CUP (Glyndon, April 26), 4 miles over timber, 5 & up. Purse $75,000. Time: 8:53⅕. Winning margin—1 length. 1-Irvin S. Naylor's ASKIM (NZ) (b.g., 12, Lord Ballina—Centermaid, by Centaine; bred by J.V. Wallace and L.D. Wallace in New Zealand); trainer Ann Stewart; rider Charles Fenwick III. 2-Armata Stables's Coal Dust; Thomas Voss; James Slater. 3-Daniel R. Baker's Mr Liberator; trainer/rider William Meister. Also ran: Rosbrian (Ire), Make Your Own, Lear Charm, Foiled Again.

Private Attack captures Grand National

Story by Joe Clancy. Photographs by Douglas Lees

Over the 17th fence, in foreground from left: Dan and Julie Colhoun's Private Attack (Billy Santoro) leads Bubble Economy and Mr Liberator.

Buy a polo pony prospect and get a race horse. Who knew?

Private Attack played stick-and-ball and learned to neck-rein (sort of), but he didn't improve enough to make it into a game. So owners Dan and Julie Colhoun sent their polo benchwarmer to trainer Alicia Murphy as a potential steeplechaser. Still on the slow schedule, the New Jersey-bred lost four hurdle starts in 2003 before switching to timber in 2004. That career finally took off this spring with a powerful score in the $35,000 Grand National timber stakes at Butler on April 19.

Running in the Colhouns' Sportsmans Hall colors, Private Attack raced on or near the front throughout and repelled three challenges late in the race to win for the first time in 16 National Steeplechase Association starts.

Approaching the last fence, Private Attack held a slim lead but braced for stout runs from Askim (NZ) and Bubble Economy (the 2006 and 2004 NSA timber champions, respectively). The champions had no answer for Private Attack's final furlong however, and the 9-year-old drew off to score by four lengths in 6:17.20 for the three and a quarter miles. Askim stayed for second in his final tune-up before winning the Maryland Hunt Cup, and Bubble Economy took third.

"He was spectacular, wasn't he?" said trainer Alicia Murphy afterward.

Purely rhetorical, the question called for just one answer: An overwhelming yes.

Repeating a strong effort at the Elkridge-Harford point-to-point two weeks earlier, Private Attack handled the bigger fences and stiffer competition at Butler. Billy Santoro loved the way his horse responded in the stretch.

"I knew I still had a bunch of horse and [Private Attack] sees his fences from way out and we were running so I thought, 'Well, he's locked on pretty much, let's do it,' " said Santoro.

The victory brought back thoughts of legendary Maryland timber horses, thanks to the deep connections of the Colhoun family. Julie Colhoun's father, Janon Fisher Jr., won the Maryland Hunt Cup six times as a trainer (three each with Blockade and Mountain Dew). The latter won the Grand National a record six times, blazing over the stiff fences and three miles like no other.

The Fisher family lived for Maryland timber racing and—thanks to Private Attack—got a chance to add to the legacy.

"It's been in my family since I was born, and winning these races meant more to my father than winning the Preakness or Kentucky Derby would have," said Colhoun. "He liked everything about it. He thought it asked the ultimate of a horse."

Colhoun echoes her father's thoughts. She foxhunted Mountain Dew when he was a 4-year-old, and keeps a family tradition of a post-race party (with mint juleps) on Maryland Hunt Cup day at Sportsmans Hall (the family farm) in Upperco.

Private Attack has a long way to go before he can be compared to Mountain Dew, though Colhoun and her horse are working on it.

"Danny foxhunted him, my granddaughter Lilly Deford hunted him; you can ride him in a snaffle," she said. "I haven't had anything in my colors for a while, so it's nice to be back in it a little bit."

And the polo pony bit?

"It's absolutely true," she said. "I can see him going around the [polo] field now. He didn't make it far enough to get his mane roached but they worked to get him to do it. Then he muscled up and grew—it wasn't going to work. Danny needed the pony though, so he had to get another one."

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Consider Incomplete complete now. And look out. Brought along slowly by trainer Ann Stewart, the son of former Maryland sire Press Card

improved to a perfect 2-for-2 in National Steeplechase Association starts—spaced a year apart—with a win in the $15,000 Benjamin H. Murray Memorial allowance timber at the Grand National.

Owned by Bob Kinsley, the speedy bay charged from seventh to first and won going away over Twill Do and Battle Op. Ridden by Stewart's son, Charlie Fenwick III, Incomplete scored by three and a quarter lengths in 6:16.40 for the three and a quarter miles and stamped himself a horse for the future. Known for taking her time, Stewart has steadfastly developed the Maryland-bred through hunter trials, point-to-points and now sanctioned starts.

In 2007, Incomplete won the highweight allowance timber for amateur jockeys at Butler. This year, he stepped up a notch to the allowance (non-winners of two) and dominated again—flashing speed over the final mile. With three fences to go, Fenwick asked and Incomplete answered.

"I was going to say, 'Well, I can either go moderately and be three-abreast, or let him run and get the lead over the second-last.' And that's what I did, and it worked out well," said the jockey. "He jumped the last fence good. I was long, and I said, 'I might as well go.' I had a fun, great trip.

"Mom's done a great job with him. I was just sort of along for the ride."

Bred by Hugh Procopio, Incomplete raced on the flat in 2005 before getting on the timber path with Stewart.

"He didn't get hurt, he didn't miss anything; Mom's just been bringing him on slowly," said Fenwick. "He's got a big future."

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Winners with Haddix a week earlier at the Manor, trainer Kathy McKenna and jockey Shane Burke scored in the $5,000 highweight allowance timber for amateur jockeys with Western Fling.

Owned by Crestview Farm, the winner took over from Voler Bar Nuit at the 16th fence and drew off to win by 40 lengths. Professor Maxwell galloped in second with Comanche Station third. The winner covered the three miles in 6:30, and spoke up for pedigree (Gone West—Silver Fling, by The Minstrel).

"He was going too easy all the way," Burke said. "When I turned in at the bottom, I actually had to take a hold. I thought he was going to get there too soon—he was taking a length out of the field at each jump. He was awesome. I couldn't believe going down to the second-last how well he was still traveling."

Western Fling finished second in the maiden timber at the Manor after trying timber for the first time in 2007. ❧

Additional reporting by Jamie Santo.

GRAND NATIONAL
(Butler, April 19)

Grand National, 3¼ miles over timber, 5 & up, amateur riders up. Purse $35,000. Time: 6:17⅕. Winning margin—4 lengths. 1-Sportsmans Hall's PRIVATE ATTACK (dk.b./br.h., 9, Private Interview—Ruby Sunset, by Red Attack; bred by Colonial Farms in N.J.); trainer Alicia Murphy; rider William Santoro. 2-Irvin S. Naylor's Askim (NZ); Ann Stewart; Charles Fenwick III. 3-Arcadia Stable's Bubble Economy; Jack Fisher trainer/rider. Also ran: Mr Liberator, Coal Dust, Foiled Again (fell), Earmark (pulled up), Can't Find My Keys (Ire) (fell).

Benjamin H. Murray Memorial, 3¼ miles over timber for non-winners of two sanctioned races over timber, 5 & up, amateur riders up. Purse $15,000. Time: 6:16⅖. Winning margin—3¼ lengths. 1-Robert A. Kinsley's INCOMPLETE (b.g., 7, Press Card—Sioux Lady, by Poker; bred by Hugo Procopio in Md.); trainer Ann Stewart; rider Charles Fenwick III. 2-Lucy A. Goelet's Twill Do; William Meister; William Santoro. 3-Northwoods Stable's Battle Op; Regina Welsh; H. Brooks Durkee. Also ran: J. Alfred Prufrock, Royal's Quest, Lear Charm, Vinnie Boy (Ire), Magnitude, Move West (fell), Trusted Comrad (Ire) (lost rider).

Western Run Plate, amateur highweight timber, 3 miles over timber, 5 & up who had not won $9,000 once in 2007-2008. Purse $5,000. Time: 6:30. Winning margin—40 lengths. 1-Crestview Farm's WESTERN FLING (dk.b./br.g., 8, Gone West—Silver Fling, by The Minstrel; bred by George Strawbridge Jr. in Ky.); trainer Katherine McKenna; rider Shane Burke. 2-Lucy Stable's Professor Maxwell; Richard Valentine; George Hundt Jr. 3-Kingdon Gould Jr.'s Comanche Station; Joseph Davies; H. Brooks Durkee. Also ran: Mickie Blue (Ire), Please Run (lost rider), Voler Bar Nuit (fell), Riderwood (fell), Fire Foot (off course), Messomania (fell), Bequeathed (disqualified from fifth and placed last).

With Private Attack following the Grand National, from left: Dan and Julie Colhoun, Michael Wharton, Alicia Murphy, Billy Santoro, Dan Colhoun III, Kelly Colhoun and Julie Deford.

Incomplete and rider Charlie Fenwick fly over the 17th fence en route to victory in the Benjamin H. Murray Memorial.

Western Fling (Shane Burke) won the Western Run Plate.

My Lady's Manor puts spotlight on up-and-coming trainer

Story by Joe Clancy. Photographs by Douglas Lees

Over the 10th fence in the My Lady's Manor, from left: Erin Go Bragh (NZ) (Paddy Young), Hot Springs (Darren Nagle), Make Your Own (Charles Fenwick III). Hot Springs, owned by Irv Naylor and trained by Desmond Fogarty, was awarded the victory upon Erin Go Bragh's DQ.

Desmond Fogarty wears an Irish cap, speaks in a brogue and quietly studies Thoroughbred horses without ever drawing much attention to himself. He could have been an extra in *The Quiet Man*, but he was born 22 years after the movie was filmed.

The 34-year-old Irishman, farm trainer for steeplechase owner Irv Naylor, jumped off to a quick start to 2008 with three winners from his first seven runners, including a victory with Hot Springs in the $30,000 My Lady's Manor timber stakes on April 12 in Monkton. Fogarty sent the gray son of Wekiva Springs into the race off a win in the Green Spring Valley point-to-point and produced a stout effort, though he needed help from the stewards to get the decision.

Hot Springs (Darren Nagle) rated off the early pace, arrived at the top of the stretch, battled for racing room with Erin Go Bragh (NZ) before the final fence, and lost by a head at the finish while making up ground. Erin Go Bragh (Paddy Young) was disqualified for interference before the final fence, however, making Hot Springs a winner in the race's 98th running. Final time for the three miles was 7:07.38. Bubble Economy finished third.

"Paddy came over on him and kind of cut him off as my horse was coming up the inner. It was fairly blatant on the video, anyway. It's just one of those things, really. It wasn't Paddy's fault," said Fogarty. "I think barring the interference, he would have won—I don't think he would have won easy at any stage, but he would have won nicely, you know. He gets down and digs deep. He's a very honest and talented horse."

Hot Springs broke his hurdle maiden for trainer Sanna Hendriks in 2006, then wound up on Naylor's Maryland farm for some recuperation that summer. Farm trainer Fogarty was supposed to simply leg the horse up and move him on, but did his job well enough that Hot Springs stayed. That fall, he won a training flat race and converted to timber. He broke that maiden in May 2007 at Winterthur—Fogarty's first win as a trainer. Last fall,

Hot Springs won an allowance timber at Morven Park and backed that up with a solid second to eventual timber champion Irish Prince (NZ) in the New Jersey Hunt Cup at Far Hills.

"Hot Springs and I arrived at the farm about the same time," said Fogarty. "I started messing with him and the horse showed a fair aptitude for jumping over poles and things in the ring. We decided to try him over timber after that and he's done well."

And now Fogarty trains most of Naylor's horses.

"I was hired to bring on the young horses, give them a season of hunting, do some work with them and then they would go back to the trainers," Fogarty said. "It kind of just came along. I came into contact with Hot Springs and I guess I showed Irv I could do all right with them. They're all nice horses and it's a beautiful facility."

Naylor's farm on Geist Road near Butler includes indoor and outdoor arenas, a pond that is used for swimming horses, and access to miles of turf gallops that have served as training grounds for numerous steeplechase stars. The stable includes veterans such as 2008 winners Hot Springs and Allimac (Ire), and a crop of young horses moving into the program. Fogarty likes his job, and his prospects for the future—although he came to the United States for an entirely different career.

Toting a college degree in civil engineering, Fogarty first landed a job with a California construction company. Six years there left him missing horses, so he took a break and headed to Kentucky to gallop flat horses and break yearlings.

He hasn't touched a blueprint or surveyor's map since.

"When I say I studied engineering in school, people tell me I flunked common sense," said Fogarty, who grew up with horses in County Tipperary. "I did some work in yards in between college and things, rode hunters and a few point-to-points at home, but it was more of a hobby. I guess I missed it. I was supposed to just take a little bit of time off with the horses, but that was years ago now. I don't think I'm going back."

• Veteran amateur jockey Brooks Durkee made his return to the steeplechase scene a winning one when he guided Augustin Stable's Flying Contraption (Ire) home in the John Rush Streett Memorial, a $15,000 maiden timber, for trainer Bruce Miller.

Away from the game since 2004, Durkee had little trouble getting back to work. Flying Contraption bided his time early and outran Western Fling late to score by a half-length with South Monarch third. The winner, a son of Phardante, covered the three miles in 6:42.24.

"He settled great and enjoyed picking off horses," said Durkee, who now lives in Florida. "There was speed and I probably got to the front a little—well, I didn't get to the front until the last—but I could have waited and it would have worked out. He was the best horse on the day."

• In the finale, a $5,000 highweight allowance timber for amateur jockeys, Perry Bolton's Haddix simply ran away from the field, scoring by 23 lengths over Move West and Hotspur while leading for the final mile. He covered the three miles in 6:18.68.

Trained by Kathy McKenna, the winner converted to timber last fall after a middling career on the flat and over hurdles. He thrived at the Manor, and gave visiting Irishman Shane Burke a win in his first try. Burke, whose father breaks horses at the family farm near Dublin, had begun working for steeplechase trainer Sanna Hendriks a month earlier.

"I came over on vacation last year, rode out for Sanna, and just fell in love with the place," said Burke. "I wanted to come back ever since. We've got a lot of young horses and pre-trainers at home, and when we got quiet I kind of got a chance to come back over."

John Rush Streett Memorial finish from left: South Monarch, Flying Contraption (ridden to victory by Brooks Durkee) and Western Fling.

John D. Schapiro Memorial, over the 10th fence, head on from left: Takin Inventory, Classic Cal, Haddix, Meet At Eleven (Ire) and Hotspur.

Additional reporting by Jamie Santo.

MY LADY'S MANOR
(Monkton, April 12)

My Lady's Manor, 3 miles over timber, 5 & up. Purse $30,000. Time: 7:07⅕. Winning margin—head. 1-Irvin S. Naylor's HOT SPRINGS (gr./ro.g., 7, Wekiva Springs—Hard Evidence, by Alleged; bred by Dolphus C. Morrison in Ky.); trainer Desmond Fogarty; rider Darren Nagle. 2-Brigadoon Stable's Erin Go Bragh (NZ) (disqualifed from first); Doug Fout; Paddy Young. 3-Arcadia Stable's Bubble Economy; Jack Fisher; H. Brooks Durkee. Also ran: J. Alfred Prufrock, Royal's Quest, Fappa Fire, Make Your Own.

John Rush Streett Memorial, 3 miles over timber, 5 & up, non-winners over timber, amateur riders up. Purse $15,000. Time: 6:42⅕. Winning margin—½ length. 1-Augustin Stables's FLYING CONTRAPTION (Ire) (b.g., 11, Phardante—Flying Silver, by Master Buck; bred by Mrs. B.D. Byrne in Ireland); trainer F. Bruce Miller; rider H. Brooks Durkee. 2-Crestview Farm's Western Fling; Katherine McKenna; Colvin Ryan. 3-Augustin Stables's South Monarch; Sanna Hendriks; Shane Burke. Also ran: Why Not Baby, Irish Laddie, Riderwood, Tacloban, Hanko (Ger), Magnitude (pulled up).

John D. Schapiro Memorial, amateur highweight, 3 miles over timber, 5 & up who had not won $9,000 once in 2007-2008. Purse $5,000. Winning margin—23 lengths. Time: 6:18⅗. 1-Perry J. Bolton's HADDIX (dk.b./br.g., 6, Deputy Commander—Dysham, by Dynaformer; bred by Hidden Point Farm Inc. in Fla.); trainer Katherine McKenna; rider Shane Burke. 2-Augustin Stables's Move West; Sanna Hendriks; Stewart Strawbridge. 3-Colvin G. Ryan's Hotspur; Julie Gomena; owner. Also ran: Meet At Eleven (Ire), Classic Cal, Michele Marieschi (GB), Blackchesters (GB), Takin Inventory (pulled up).

Maryland Foal Report

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LYDIA A. WILLIAMS (2)

Domestic Dispute colt out of Americelebration (by Ameri Valay), bred by Lydia Williams.

Marathon Farms's stakes producer Its a Girl (by Thunder Gulch) shows off her Purge filly.

LYDIA A. WILLIAMS

Moon Minister (by Deputy Minister), a half-sister to multiple stakes winner Woodmoon, produced this March filly by Good Reward.

JOANN HAYDEN (2)

Dance With Ravens colt with his dam, Two White Roses, who is a half-sister to stakes winners Private Scandal and Gail's Brush.

Malibu Moon filly is out of Grade 1 winner Magistretti's half-sister Dream Out Loud (by Stravinsky).

Blue Sky Princess delivers filly

Blue Sky Princess, the Maryland-bred Broodmare of the Year for 2007, delivered a First Samurai filly on April 6 at her owners Frank and Virginia Wright's Huntingfields farm in Hampstead, Md. She was scheduled for breeding to Medaglia d'Oro in early May.

BANNER PUNCH, by Two Punch, b.f., April 19, by Prints of Peace. Cabbage Run Farm.

CLEVER PHRASE, by Clever Trick, dk.b./br.f., February 24, by Malibu Moon. Dark Hollow Farm. Mare to Bernardini.

DREAM OUT LOUD, by Stravinsky, b.f., March 21, by Malibu Moon. Dark Hollow Farm, Fast Kitty Farm, Arnold Davidov, Mr. and Mrs. David Schwaber and Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey Brown. Mare to Elusive Quality.

FOOLISH KISSES, by Cannonade, b.f., April 5, by Street Cry (Ire). Thornmar. Mare to Not For Love.

ITS A GIRL, by Thunder Gulch, b.f., March 17, by Purge. Marathon Farms Inc. Mare to Greek Sun.

JOY IN THE MORNING, by Horatius, dk.b./br.f., March 28, by Seeking Daylight. Thornmar. Mare to Fantasticat.

LAWLEYPOP, by Horatius, ch.c., March 15, by Oratory. Karl B. Johnson Sr. Mare to Fantasticat.

LIZAINE, by Partner's Hero, b.f., March 10, by Oratory. Cordelia Stables. Mare to St Averil.

MOON MINISTER, by Deputy Minister, dk.b./br.f., March 3, by Good Reward. Marathon Farms Inc. Mare to Greek Sun.

OPEN FLIRT, by A.P. Indy, ch.f., March 1, by Speightstown. Davidov, Wolf, Schwaber and Dark Hollow Farm. Mare to Street Sense.

OUR FRIEND HIDAYET, by Fast Play, b.f., April 26, by Value Plus. Dark Hollow Farm and Happy Ours Stable. Mare to Bob and John.

PROUD SALLY, by Spend a Buck, b.f., April 1, by Kela. Karl B. Johnson Sr. Mare to Gators N Bears.

ROXYETTE, by Not For Love, dk.b./br.f., February 7, by Doneraile Court. Col. Robert and Linda Newton. Mare to Bernstein.

RUTLEDGE FLIRT, by King of Kings (Ire), b.f., February 23, by Dance With Ravens. Rutledge Farm. Mare to Oratory.

STORM 'N' HAIL, by Stormy Atlantic, b.c., April 7, by Pioneering. Karl B. Johnson Sr. Mare to Rock Slide.

SUNGOLD SKIPPY, by Skip Away, b.f., January 19, by Orientate. Ellen Charles. Mare to Not For Love.

TAFT LIL QUEEN, by Irish Open, b.c., April 7, by Dance With Ravens. Thornmar. Mare to Hard Spun.

TIMELESS TANGO, by Gilded Time, ch.c., April 13, by Domestic Dispute. Carey K. Miller. Mare to Cherokee's Boy.

TODAYS KITTEN, by Tomorrows Cat, b.c., March 15, by Ladinos Bambino. Karl B. Johnson Sr. Mare to Oratory.

TWO WHITE ROSES, by Two Punch, b.c., March 1, by Dance With Ravens. Dark Hollow Farm. Mare to Partner's Hero.

LYDIA A. WILLIAMS (2)

Above: Fantasticat filly out of Vale Valley (by Valley Crossing). Right: Love of Money filly out of Chestnut Angel (by Horatius).

Maryland Fund Stakes Recaps

JIM MCCUE

Lexi Star

Geisha Stakes
$60,000-guaranteed, 1 1/16 mi., registered Maryland-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up. Pimlico, April 19.

Dk.b./br.m., 2002, by Crypto Star—Frozen Lock, by Corridor Key. Bred and owned by Stephen E. Quick; trained by Christopher W. Grove. Foaled at St. Omer's Farm, Forest Hill, Md.

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starts	*1st*	*2nd*	*3rd*	*earnings*
23	10 (5)	3 (3)	2 (2)	$488,624 (through April 19)

2005: 2nd **Maryland Million Oaks;** 3rd **Anne Arundel S. 2006:** 1st $54,000 **Justakiss S,** 1 1/16 mi., fillies and mares, 3 & up, Delaware, Nov. 19. **2007:** 1st $100,000 **Nellie Morse S** (includes $20,000 Md. Fund and $20,000 Maryland Million), 1 mi., fillies and mares, 4 & up, Laurel, Jan. 27; $100,000 **Maryland Racing Media Association H** (includes $20,000 Md. Fund and $20,000 Maryland Million), 1 1/8 mi., fillies and mares, 3 & up, Laurel, Feb. 24; $60,000 **Geisha H,** 1 1/8 mi., registered Md.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Laurel, Dec. 8; 2nd **Molly Pitcher Breeders' Cup S-G2, Red Cross S;** 3rd **Maryland Million Ladies S. 2008:** 1st $60,000 **Geisha S,** 1 1/16 mi., registered Md.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Pimlico, April 19.

When a top-performing older mare has a four-month layoff, her return to form is never assured. But the betting public had faith in Lexi Star, installing her as 4-5 favorite in the Geisha Stakes on opening Saturday (April 19) at Pimlico.

And—although the finish was close—Lexi Star secured a triumphant return.

Making her first start since winning the Geisha Handicap at Laurel on December 8 (the Geisha was switched to an early date on this year's Maryland Fund race schedule), Lexi Star rated early in the mile and a sixteenth stakes, circled five-wide moving into the stretch, and closed with her trademark determination to overtake frontrunner Spectacular Malibu in the final strides and score by a head.

Come Fly Away was another length back in third, followed by Take a Check, Real Property and All Smiles. Final time was 1:43.76.

It was the fifth career stakes win for the 6-year-old Lexi Star, who campaigns as a homebred for longtime Maryland horsepeople Steve and Sue Quick.

Trained throughout her career by Bowie-based conditioner Chris Grove, Lexi Star was a stakes performer at 3 and 4, and a running machine last year at 5—the season in which she won four races (three stakes) and placed in three other added-money races, earning $273,204 from 10 starts.

Her 2008 debut boosted her career earnings to $488,624.

Lexi Star was overshadowed earlier in her career by her even more accomplished stablemate, Silmaril, a two-time Maryland-bred champion who retired this past January after passing the $1 million mark in earnings. Silmaril was bred this season to Giant's Causeway.

Sired by Crypto Star, who stands at Murmur Farm in Darlington, Md., Lexi Star is closely related to Silmaril. Both descend from the first mare the Quicks owned: Pilgrim's Pride (1965, First Landing), whom they purchased at a 1978 Timonium auction for $5,400. Barren at the time, Pilgrim's Pride was mated that same season to North Sea, a son of Nearctic standing at Alfred G. Vanderbilt's Sagamore Farm. The result of their union was Kattegat's Pride, one of the best Maryland-bred race mares of all time.

Kattegat's Pride, trained by Joe Devereux, captured state-bred titles at 3, 4 and 5 while winning or placing in 18 stakes and earning $511,812, a figure comparable to at least $1 million today.

Silmaril (by Diamond) was produced by Kattegat's Pride's only daughter, Kattebuck (1988, Spend a Buck).

Lexi Star, meanwhile descends from Kattegat's Pride's half-sister Reykjavik's Pride (1984, Akureyri). Herself a modest winner, Reykjavik's Pride produced as her first foal stakes-placed Frozen Lock (by Corridor Key), who won 13 of 43 starts over five seasons of competition, placed second in the Gold Digger Stakes at 6, and earned $102,620.

Lexi Star is Frozen Lock's first foal to race.

Reykjavik's Pride died several years ago, but Frozen Lock is continuing to build on the family legacy at the Quicks' St. Omer's Farm in Forest Hill. Her 4-year-old daughter, Gentlemen's Locket (by Gentlemen-Arg), is a stakes-placed winner.

Frozen Lock has an as yet unraced 3-year-old colt by Not For Love, named Locked in Love; a 2-year-old colt, Gravitational Pull, by Crypto Star; and a yearling filly by Dance With Ravens. She foaled a Crypto Star filly in late April and was bred to Domestic Dispute.

At 29, Kattegat's Pride is a pensioner at St. Omer's.

Sheeler

Star de Naskra Stakes
$50,000-guaranteed, 6 fur., registered Maryland-bred 3-year-olds. Pimlico, April 17.

B.c., 2005, by Dixie Union— Special Broad, by Broad Brush. Bred by Fitzhugh LLC; owned by H. Neil Glasser; trained by Dale Capuano. Foaled at Fitzhugh Farm, Phoenix, Md.

		Lifetime		
starts	*1st*	*2nd*	*3rd*	*earnings*
8	3 (1)	1	2	$69,520 (through April 17)

2008: 1st $50,000 **Star de Naskra S,** 6 fur., registered Md.-bred 3-year-olds, Pimlico, April 17.

Opening day of this year's Pimlico spring meet, on April 17, featured the Star de Naskra Stakes for Maryland-bred 3-year-olds—a six-furlong sprint that served as a coming out party for a colt named Sheeler.

Bred by Robert E. Meyerhoff's Fitzhugh LLC, and claimed by his current connections, owner Neil Glasser and trainer Dale Capuano, for $40,000 last November at Laurel Park, Sheeler went into the Star de Naskra at next-longest odds of 15-1.

He proceeded to assert his authority in the field of six, rallying to a length and a half victory in a performance that led Capuano to consider bringing him back in the Grade 3 Hirsch Jacobs Stakes on Preakness day.

Coheed was runner-up in the Star de Naskra, outfinishing Sheeler's stablemate Love You Too by a neck. Completing the field were Malibu Kid (the 1.5-1 favorite), Izzy

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Speaking and Jet Run. Final time was 1:10.89.

Sheeler—named for the artist and photographer Charles Sheeler (1883-1965)—is out of Meyerhoff's good race mare Special Broad (by Broad Brush).

Special Broad campaigned in top-class company, winning or placing in nine stakes, including a victory in the Grade 3 Tempted as a 2-year-old in 1994, for career earnings of $265,270. She was bred by Meyerhoff from the Mr. Prospector mare Special Strike, whom he purchased for $155,000 while carrying her first foal (by Dixieland Band) at the 1987 Keeneland November sale.

Meyerhoff bred two stakes winners from Special Strike, with the other being Beware Avalanche (1996, g., Mt. Livermore; $529,461, Mario Beneito Memorial H, Glassy Dip S, etc.), before selling her at the 1998 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December Mixed sale, in foal to Valley Crossing, for $32,000.

Special Broad, one of 19 broodmares currently in residence at Meyerhoff's Fitzhugh Farm in Phoenix, Md., produced Sheeler (by Dixie Union) as her seventh foal and first stakes performer. Her 2-year-old Mr. Greeley filly sold for $100,000 at last year's Keeneland September Yearling sale. She has a yearling colt by Indian Charlie, still on the farm, and was due to foal a full sibling to Sheeler on May 28. She was booked to Southern Image.

Trainer Richard Small, who has conditioned many outstanding Meyerhoff homebreds, including multiple Grade 1-winning millionaire and leading sire Broad Brush, brought Sheeler to the races on Meyerhoff's account last September. The colt was making his third start, and first in claiming company, when Capuano dropped the claim slip.

Glasser, a longtime client of Capuano, had recently lost several horses to mishaps and claims, and was looking to replace them with an allowance-type runner.

Sheeler's first outing for the new connections, on December 29 at Laurel, was a "mystery" in the words of Capuano: Jockey Anna Napravnik eased him in the final half-mile of the Maryland Juvenile Championship Stakes, but when he returned to the barn, Capuano could find nothing wrong with him.

In his three starts this season prior to the Star de Naskra, Sheeler won for a $40,000 claiming tag at Laurel on February 29, a victory that was sandwiched between a second and third in allowance company.

MHBA's "Behind the Scenes" seminar at Pimlico

Don Miller (center, blue shirt) served as tour guide.

The Maryland Horse Breeders Association held a "Behind the Scenes" seminar at Pimlico on Saturday, April 19. Fifty people attended the seminar to see the inner workings of Old Hilltop.

Trainer Tim Hooper chatted with the seminar group on the apron during training hours, explaining his philosophy as a trainer, how he got started in the business, and also pointing out different horses working on the track at the time, as well as what each horse was doing.

Retired trainer Don Miller was the tour guide for a trip to the jockeys' room to see some racing equipment, and a brief tour through the "colors." The seminar group also toured the Pimlico museum and the paddock before crossing the track to the infield for a visit in the Preakness winner's circle. After a brief photo op in the winner's circle, the group made its way back across the track and out to the stable area.

Trainers Ann Merryman and Holly Robinson graciously allowed the group to visit their barn, pet every horse, and find out about bits, bridles, saddles and other equipment. Petting race horse noses was the highlight of the day for many of the seminar participants.

The group ended its tour in the Preakness barn, checking out the Derby winner's stall and wondering who would fill it this year.

Lunch and a day of racing followed the morning tours.

First Maryland-bred 2-year-old winner of 2008

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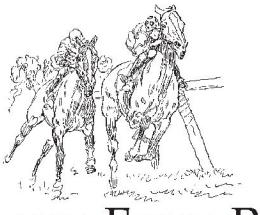
The No Armistice filly Onearmedbandit became this season's first Maryland-bred 2-year-old winner while scoring in a maiden special weight at Laurel Park on April 11.

Never headed in the four and a half-furlong contest that drew a field of six first-time starters, Onearmedbandit won handily by four and a quarter lengths.

Bred by David Daniel from the Polish Numbers mare Court Tour, Onearmedbandit was purchased by her trainer, John J. Robb, for $13,500 at the 2007 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern Fall Yearling sale. She is owned by Hidden Hill Farm.

Onearmedbandit is a full sister to the 3-year-old filly Valin Time, who last year became the first winner from No Armistice's first crop. ❧



Maryland Fund Report

Bonuses paid for races at Maryland tracks from February 25 to April 20, 2008.

LAUREL PARK

Miracle Wood Stakes

March 1. $20,000 Maryland Fund purse premium. For 3-year-olds. 7 fur. 8 competed. (Closed with 9 entries.) Winner: None. Second: APPLE SPECIAL, by Outflanker. Owner bonus: Morgan W. Wayson Jr. ($4,000). Third: None. Fourth: REGAL SOLO, by Louis Quatorze. Owner bonus: E. Allen Murray Jr. ($1,200). Fifth: None.

Wide Country Stakes

March 8. $20,000 Maryland Fund purse premium. For 3-year-old fillies. 7 fur. 7 competed. (Closed with 8 entries.) Winner: None. Second: HARTIGAN, by Include. Owner bonus: Fitzhugh LLC ($4,000). Third: KOSMO'S BUDDY, by Outflanker. Owner bonus: Adam and Arnold Smolen ($2,200). Fourth: None. Fifth: ANOTHER JEWEL, by Diamond. Owner bonus: Stephen E. Quick and Christopher J. Feifarek ($600).

Conniver Stakes

March 15. Purse $60,000-guaranteed. For 3-year-olds and up, fillies and mares, registered Maryland-breds. 7 fur. 9 competed. (Closed with 14 nominations.) Winner: ALL GIVING, by Allen's Prospect. Breeder bonus: Baywood LLC ($5,400). Stallion bonus: Allen's Prospect Syndicate ($2,700). Second: LA CHICA RICA, by Disco Rico. Breeder bonus: High Five Stables ($1,800). Stallion bonus: Alfred and Joseph DiRico ($900). Third: FOR KISSES, by Not For Love. Breeder bonus: Buckingham Farm ($990). Stallion bonus: Not For Love Syndicate ($495). Fourth: TAKE A CHECK, by Touch Gold. Breeder bonus: Robert E. Meyerhoff ($540). Stallion bonus: None.

Private Terms Stakes

March 22. $20,000 Maryland Fund purse premium. For 3-year-olds. 1 mi. 11 competed. (Closed with 13 entries.) Winner: None. Second: REGAL SOLO, by Louis Quatorze. Owner bonus: E. Allen Murray Jr. ($4,000). Third: None. Fourth: None. Fifth: MALIBU KID, by Malibu Moon. Owner bonus: Hillwood Stable LLC ($600).

Harrison E. Johnson Memorial Handicap

March 29. $20,000 Maryland Fund purse premium. For 3-year-olds and up. 1⅛ mi. 5 competed. (Closed with 6 entries.) Winner: None. Second: None. Third: FORTY CROWNS, by Not For Love. Owner bonus: Morris Bailey and Theodore Serure ($2,200). Fourth: None. Fifth: None.

Primonetta Stakes

April 5. $20,000 Maryland Fund purse premium. For 3-year-olds and up, fillies and mares. 6 fur. 7 competed. (Closed with 8 entries.) Winner: None. Second: None. Third: WHAT TIME IT IS, by Partner's Hero. Owner bonus: R. Larry Johnson ($2,200). Fourth: None. Fifth: ALL GIVING, by Allen's Prospect. Owner bonus: Concepts Unlimited Stable and Catherine J. Smith ($600).

Dahlia Stakes

April 12. $20,000 Maryland Fund purse premium. For 3-year-olds and up, fillies and mares. 1 mi., turf. 8 competed. (Closed with 9 entries.) Winner: None. Second: None. Third: None. Fourth: FOR KISSES, by Not For Love. Owner bonus: Buckingham Farm ($1,200). Fifth: None

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Star de Naskra Stakes

April 17. Purse $50,000-guaranteed. For 3-year-olds, registered Maryland-breds. 6 fur. 6 competed. (Closed with 10 nominations.) Winner: SHEELER, by Dixie Union. Breeder bonus: Fitzhugh LLC ($4,500). Stallion bonus: None. Second: COHEED, by Partner's Hero. Breeder bonus: Michael J. Harrison ($1,500). Stallion bonus: Partner's Hero Syndicate ($750). Third: LOVE YOU TOO, by Not For Love. Breeder bonus: Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Rebecca Davis ($825). Stallion bonus: Not For Love Syndicate ($412.50). Fourth: MALIBU KID, by Malibu Moon. Breeder bonus: Mark O'Donnell ($450). Stallion bonus: None.

Geisha Stakes

April 19. Purse $60,000-guaranteed. For 3-year-olds and up, fil-

SPECIAL $5,000 BONUS PAYMENTS

MSW PAYMENTS (February 25-April 20, 2008):
Nancy H. and William R. Alberts; Joseph J. Balsamo; Frank Henson; Hidden Hill Farm; John Alecci Stable Inc. (2); Steven T. Newby; Rob Ry Farm and Jayne Marie Slysz; Robert Sears; M. Terry and Christopher B. Shane.

A-Other-Than PAYMENTS (February 25-April 20, 2008):
Sondra D. Bender; Henry M. Blue; James M. Courtney; Gretchen B. Mobberley; Jay A. Reese; Rob Ry Farm and Jayne Marie Slysz; Silhouette Stable; Skeedattle Associates; Stanley Stables; Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Wright.

lies and mares, registered Maryland-breds. 1 1/16 mi. 6 competed. (Closed with 13 nominations.) Winner: LEXI STAR, by Crypto Star. Breeder bonus: Stephen E. Quick ($5,400). Stallion bonus: Crypto Star Syndicate ($2,700). Second: SPECTACULAR MALIBU, by Malibu Moon. Breeder bonus: Constance H. Hadry ($1,800). Stallion bonus: None. Third: COME FLY AWAY, by El Prado (Ire). Breeder bonus: Thornmar Farm LLC ($990). Stallion bonus: None. Fourth: TAKE A CHECK, by Touch Gold. Breeder bonus: Robert E. Meyerhoff ($540). Stallion bonus: None.

Breeder bonuses

Nancy H. Alberts—BOLD JULIO: Feb. 28, 3rd race, $855; Apr. 5, 3rd race, $855. ($1,710)

Ayres Fountain Spring Farm—CRYPTOLEEN'SCHARM: Mar. 2, 6th race, $1,539.

William M. Backer—ABBICADABRA: Mar. 16, 3rd race, $855; Apr. 20, 6th race, $1,026. ($1,881)

Baywood LLC—ALL GIVING: Mar. 15, 10th race, $5,400.

Bender and Bender LLC—ACCESS FEE: Mar. 15, 4th race, $2,565. AMERICA'S DARLIN: Apr. 11, 6th race, $1,197. CHARLIE'S SWORD: Apr. 19, 2nd race, $855. POWER NUMBERS: Apr. 13, 6th race, $1,624.50. R. A. INDY: Apr. 12, 5th race, $855. ($7,096.50)

Henry M. Blue—SUNNY EMBLEM: Apr. 13, 8th race, $2,223.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman—CRYPTO PRIME: Mar. 2, 2nd race, $855.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Rebecca Davis—LOVE YOU TOO: Apr. 5, 1st race, $2,394; Apr. 17, 8th race, $825. ($3,219)

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Dr. Jason L. Layfield—GRAND CHAMPION: Apr. 19, 4th race, $1,237.50.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Richard W. Small—SHE'S SO PROUD: Mar. 30, 7th race, $2,394.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sutton—ORLOP: Mar. 6, 5th race, $1,368.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Milton P. Higgins III and The Thoroughbred Corp.—THUNDER CHARM: Feb. 29, 1st race, $1,026.

Bowman Thoroughbreds LLC—PICK UP THE TEMPO: Feb. 28, 2nd race, $1,026.

Buckingham Farm—FOR KISSES: Mar. 15, 10th race, $990; Apr. 12, 9th race, $720. ($1,710)

Marshele E. Bassford Burgess—BRASS STORM CAT: Apr. 12, 10th race, $769.50.

Donelson Christmas Jr.—D D T AND ME: Apr. 10, 9th race, $1,368.

Randy L. Cohen and Albert H. Cohen—BALTIMORE RAVEN: Apr. 20, 8th race, $1,368.

Country Life Farm and Merryland Missy LLC—ESSENCE-OFTHEMOON: Apr. 12, 1st race, $2,394.

James M. Courtney—LIGHTENING FLASH: Mar. 1, 8th race, $2,565; Apr. 13, 7th race, $2,736. ($5,301)

David Daniel—ONEARMEDBANDIT: Apr. 11, 1st race, $2,394.

Dark Hollow Farm—COGNAC KISSES: Apr. 19, 4th race, $1,500.

William B. Delp—PROPT DELIVERY: Mar. 29, 3rd race, $684.

Estate of Mrs. Richard C. duPont—FORTY CROWNS: Mar. 29, 10th race, $1,320.

Annual Awards Dinner

The MHBA's Annual Awards Dinner took place on April 18 at the Maryland Historical Society in Baltimore.

Maryland-bred champions of 2007 were honored, along with other top performers.

Dr. and Mrs. R. Thomas Bowman were named to their fourth title as Breeder of the Year (having previously taken honors in 1998, 2005 and 2006). The Bowmans were represented last season by Eclipse Award winner and Maryland-bred champion steeplechaser Good Night Shirt, along with four additional stakes winners. Horses bred by the Bowmans on their own account and in partnerships earned a total of $2,682,352.

Not For Love, a son of Mr. Prospector standing at Northview Stallion Station in Chesapeake City, took his fifth Stallion of the Year award, while Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Wright's multiple stakes producer Blue Sky Princess (by Conquistador Cielo) was honored as Broodmare of the Year.

Heros Reward piled up honors as Horse of the Year and champion sprinter, older male and turf runner. Accepting awards were breeder Gretchen Mobberley (second right) and (from left) trainer Dale Capuano and co-owner Bob Haynes. MHBA vice-president Ann Merryman (center) made the presentation. At right is MHBA director JoAnn Hayden.

Bob Manfuso was recognized for his 18 years of service on the MHBA board of directors.

Chris Bowman (second right), flanked by daughter Becky Davis and granddaughter Catherine Davis, accepts Breeder of the Year award on behalf of herself and husband Tom. At left is MHBA president Jim Steele.

Frank Wright testifies to the virtues of Broodmare of the Year Blue Sky Princess, whom he owns with his wife, Virginia (to his right). MHBA director Amy Daney was the presenter.

Elk Manor Farm—KALLIYAN: Mar. 28, 1st race, $855; Apr. 18, 4th race, $1,026. ($1,881)

J. Christopher Everett—FLANK SPEED: Mar. 27, 5th race, $769.50.

W.S. Farish and Gasparilla Stable LLC—APPLE SPECIAL: Mar. 1, 9th race, $2,100.

Janon Fisher III and Frank E. Richardson—NEW YORK STRINGER: Feb. 29, 3rd race, $1,026.

Fitzhugh LLC—HARTIGAN: Mar. 8, 9th race, $1,500. SHEELER: Feb. 29, 6th race, $2,223; Apr. 17, 8th race, $4,500. ($8,223)

Galway Dreams Stable—OUR BONNIE BRAE: Mar. 13, 6th race, $2,223.

Cornelia S. Gibson—BELLE'S BROKER: Mar. 6, 2nd race, $1,197.

Richard C. Granville—MIDNIGHT FLAIR: Apr. 11, 2nd race, $1,026.

Constance H. Hadry—SPECTACULAR MALIBU: Feb. 28, 6th race, $2,736; Apr. 19, 6th race, $1,800. ($4,536)

Michael J. Harrison—COHEED: Mar. 16, 8th race, $2,565; Apr. 17, 8th race, $1,500. ($4,065)

William R. Harris—WARRO: Mar. 7, 2nd race, $1,197.

Julia Dunbar Hartbarger—STORMINCHARLIE: Mar. 16, 1st race, $855.

Hickory Ridge Farm—BIG PATTI: Mar. 6, 6th race, $2,736.

High Five Stables—LA CHICA RICA: Mar. 15, 10th race, $1,800.

Holly House Farm—SMOKE N NUMBERS: Mar. 16, 7th race, $2,565.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Holt and Theodore Montuori—MILITARY COURAGE: Mar. 27, 3rd race, $1,539.

Timothy N. Hopkins—WACKO: Mar. 30, 3rd race, $769.50.

Dr. and Mrs. Russell L. Jacobson—CARNI'S LAST STAND: Mar. 1, 3rd race, $855.

R. Larry Johnson—WHAT TIME IT IS: Apr. 5, 9th race, $1,320.

Timothy L. Keefe—OUTSPOKEN HERO: Apr. 19, 5th race, $1,368.

Barbara Kees and Robert L. Ingham—ANXIOUS: Mar. 13, 8th race, $1,539.

Alan S. Kline Revocable Trust—SIX PACK SARA: Mar. 8, 3rd race, $855.

Fred T. Lewis DVM—MAY ONE: Mar. 27, 1st race, $2,052.

Lewisfield Farm—GONNA GO WEST: Apr. 4, 1st race, $1,026.

Robert T. Manfuso—HENRY STREET: Mar. 8, 4th race, $1,539.

Helen C. Marshall and J.H. Williams—WOODED: Mar. 2, 10th race, $855.

Mrs. J.W.Y. Martin Jr.—ALL AROUND: Apr. 17, 2nd race, $2,394.

Robert E. Meyerhoff—TAKE A CHECK: Mar. 15, 10th race, $540; Apr. 19, 6th race, $540. ($1,080)

Gretchen B. Mobberley—BEST APPROACH: Mar. 15, 1st race, $855. SEEKING OPTIONS: Mar. 13, 4th race, $2,052. SHINING PUNCH: Feb. 29, 7th race, $2,565. TODD'S ECHO: Mar. 13, 2nd race, $855; Apr. 10, 8th race, $2,223. ($8,550)

Preston I. Moffett and Stephanie M. Litz—MAGICAL GEM: Feb. 29, 8th race, $2,907; Mar. 14, 8th race, $2,907; Apr. 11, 8th race, $3,078. ($8,892)

Edmund T. Mudge IV and Mary Lynn Brett—BOBBILINKA-POO: Apr. 18, 7th race, $2,223.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Allen Murray Jr.—REGAL SOLO: Mar. 1, 9th race, $630; Mar. 22, 10th race, $2,400. STAR MOM: Apr. 18, 8th race, $2,394. ($5,424)

Steven Newby—MIDNITE COMMUNION: Apr. 3, 3rd race, $2,394.

MHBA director Mike Pons (far left) made the presentation to 3-year-old filly champion Moon Catcher's connections, from left: co-owner and trainer Tim Ritchey, and co-breeders Albert Cohen, Ferris Allen and Randy Cohen.

David and JoAnn Hayden were honored for the achievements of champion 2-year-old male Ready's Image, bred and raised at their Dark Hollow Farm. MHBA director Becky Davis (left) was the presenter.

Richard Hoffberger accepts from Ann Merryman for 3-year-old male Steve's Double, bred by Acorn Hill Farm.

Co-breeder Chris Bowman, with mother-in-law Kathleen Bowman, accepts from Don Litz (far left) for champion steeplechaser Good Night Shirt, along with owners Ann and Sonny Via and trainer Jack Fisher.

Steve Quick (center) and Chris Feifarek (right) are co-owner/breeders of champion older mare Silmaril. Trophies were presented by MHBA secretary-treasurer Bill Boniface.

Northview Stallion Station's Linda Bench accepts from Jim Steele for Stallion of the Year Not For Love.

Two-year-old filly champion Ask the Moon is celebrated by (from left) trainer Ned Allard (representing owner Millicent Johnsen), presenter Frank Wright, and Mary Jo, Mike and Josh Pons of Country Life Farm, co-breeders with Cynthia McGinnes (right) and her husband Charles (not pictured).

Recipients of Yearling Show premiums for 2007 included, from left: Dom Pistorio, Bob Manfuso, David Hayden, JoAnn Hayden, Kerry Foster, Dave Picarello, Bill Reightler, David DiPietro, Foard Wilgis, Don Litz and Don Dean. A total of $40,000 was distributed to exhibitors of the top-earning 2 -year-olds and 3-year-olds who participated in the MHBA's annual show.

Northview Stallion Station—DYNAMITE DIAMOND: Mar. 8, 2nd race, $1,795.50.
Mark O'Donnell—MALIBU KID: Apr. 17, 8th race, $450.
Susanne G. Pearce—MY LIONESS: Apr. 17, 9th race, $684.
Plane Tree Farm—LET ME BE FRANK: Mar. 2, 1st race, $1,026.
Kathleen Pouska—ADOPTED ARRIVAL: Mar. 29, 2nd race, $855.
PTK LLC—BASEBALL DIAMOND: Apr. 18, 5th race, $684.
Stephen E. Quick—LEXI STAR: Apr. 19, 6th race, $5,400.
Charles J. Reed—HOT SAX: Mar. 6, 3rd race, $855. TATTLE-TALE TWIST: Apr. 10, 3rd race, $1,197. ($2,052)
Roland Farm—PUSH N. BOOTS: Mar. 6, 9th race, $1,368.
Daniel M. Ryan—POUNCING TIGER: Apr. 20, 3rd race, $1,026.
Kenneth F. Santill—YACHT MAN: Mar. 30, 9th race, $855.
Stanley Scheinberg—SYDS STARR: Mar. 9, 9th race, $1,026.
Robert E. Sears and Ann B. Sears—INCIDENTAL MUSIC: Apr. 3, 5th race, $2,394.
Shamrock Farms—PEARLMAN: Apr. 4, 4th race, $2,394.
M. Terry Shane—WOLF THE CHEMIST: Mar. 14, 7th race, $2,394.
Skeedattle Assoc.—FAST TALKING: Apr. 5, 8th race, $2,565.
Arnold Smolen—KOSMO'S BUDDY: Mar. 8, 9th race, $1,155.
Anthony Spadea Jr.—ZETA B: Apr. 5, 5th race, $1,368.
Sally Thomas—EXPECT NO LOVE: Mar. 29, 1st race, $1,710; Apr. 20, 7th race, $2,565. ($4,275)
Thornmar Farm LLC—COME FLY AWAY: Mar. 20, 8th race, $2,736; Apr. 19, 6th race, $990. NATURAL SEVEN: Mar. 30, 5th race, $1,368. ($5,094)
Tootletown Farm—MONSTER ECHO: Mar. 14, 5th race, $855.
Glen Whitehead—SEEKING REVENGE: Mar. 7, 5th race, $1,539; Mar. 30, 2nd race, $2,052. ($3,591)
Wirth Brothers—INFIELD: Apr. 6, 5th race, $1,026.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Wright—SNOW ON SNOW: Apr. 17, 7th race, $2,223. STELLA STARLIGHT: Apr. 18, 3rd race, $855. ($3,078)
Z.W.P. Stable—WONDER MON: Apr. 19, 9th race, $900.

Owner bonuses

Nancy H. and William R. Alberts—PEARLMAN: Apr. 4, 4th race, $1,915.20.
Charles Assimakopoulos—SEEKING REVENGE: Mar. 30, 2nd race, $1,641.60.
Ayres Fountain Spring Farm—CRYPTOLEEN'SCHARM: Mar. 2, 6th race, $1,231.20.
Joseph J. Balsamo—SHE'S SO PROUD: Mar. 30, 7th race, $1,915.20.
Elaine C. Bassford—BRASS STORM CAT: Apr. 12, 10th race, $615.60.
Sondra D. Bender—ACCESS FEE: Mar. 15, 4th race, $2,052.
Blue and Gray 2000—NEW YORK STRINGER: Feb. 29, 3rd race, $820.80.
Henry M. Blue—SUNNY EMBLEM: Apr. 13, 8th race, $1,778.40.
B & T Racing Stable—OUTSPOKEN HERO: Apr. 19, 5th race, $1,094.40.
Joseph W. Carter Sr.—D D T AND ME: Apr. 10, 9th race, $1,094.40.
Country Life Farm—SPECTACULAR MALIBU: Feb. 28, 6th race, $2,188.80.
James M. Courtney—LIGHTENING FLASH: Mar. 1, 8th race, $2,052; Apr. 13, 7th race, $2,188.80. ($4,240.80)
Donald K. Dean—CARNI'S LAST STAND: Mar. 1, 3rd race, $684.
J. Christopher Everett—FLANK SPEED: Mar. 27, 5th race, $615.60.
Robert E. Gamber—BASEBALL DIAMOND: Apr. 18, 5th race, $547.20.
H. Neil Glasser—SHEELER: Feb. 29, 6th race, $1,778.40.
Wade D. Glosser—MAGICAL GEM: Feb. 29, 8th race, $2,325.60; Mar. 14, 8th race, $2,325.60; Apr. 11, 8th race, $2,462.40. ($7,113.60)
Half N Half Stable—POUNCING TIGER: Apr. 20, 3rd race, $820.80.
Julia Dunbar Hartbarger—STORMINCHARLIE: Mar. 16, 1st race, $684.
Frank Henson—ESSENCEOFTHEMOON: Apr. 12, 1st race, $1,915.20.
Hickory Ridge Farm LLC—BIG PATTI: Mar. 6, 6th race, $2,188.80.
Hidden Hill Farm—ONEARMEDBANDIT: Apr. 11, 1st race, $1,915.20.
Home Team Stables—BALTIMORE RAVEN: Apr. 20, 8th race, $1,094.40.
Timothy N. Hopkins—WACKO: Mar. 30, 3rd race, $615.60.
John Alecci Stable Inc.—ALL AROUND: Apr. 17, 2nd race, $1,915.20. STAR MOM: Apr. 18, 8th race, $1,915.20. ($3,830.40)
Herbert W. Kushner—PUSH N. BOOTS: Mar. 6, 9th race, $1,094.40.
Robert Leaf Jr.—PROPT DELIVERY: Mar. 29, 3rd race, $547.20.
James F. Lewis—GONNA GO WEST: Apr. 4, 1st race, $820.80.
Gretchen B. Mabberley—SHINING PUNCH: Feb. 29, 7th race, $2,052.
Steven Newby—MIDNITE COMMUNION: Apr. 3, 3rd race, $1,915.20.
Pinehaven Thoroughbreds—SYDS STARR: Mar. 9, 9th race, $820.80.
Bill and Vicki Poston—COME FLY AWAY: Mar. 20, 8th race, $2,188.80.
P.T.K. LLC—MY LIONESS: Apr. 17, 9th race, $547.20.
Charles J. Reed and Danny Muldoon—OUR BONNIE BRAE: Mar. 13, 6th race, $1,778.40.
Jay A. Reese—SMOKE N NUMBERS: Mar. 16, 7th race, $2,052.
Rob Ry Fm and Jayne Marie Slysz—LOVE YOU TOO: Apr. 5, 1st race, $1,915.20. TODD'S ECHO: Apr. 10, 8th race, $1,778.40. ($3,693.60)
Manfred Roos—THUNDER CHARM: Feb. 29, 1st race, $820.80.
Toby Roth—POWER NUMBERS: Apr. 13, 6th race, $1,299.60.
Robert E. Sears—INCIDENTAL MUSIC: Apr. 3, 5th race, $1,915.20.
M. Terry and Christopher B. Shane—WOLF THE CHEMIST: Mar. 14, 7th race, $1,915.20.
Silhouette Stable—BOBBILINKAPOO: Apr. 18, 7th race, $1,778.40.
Skeedattle Assoc.—FAST TALKING: Apr. 5, 8th race, $2,052.
Stanley Stables—COHEED: Mar. 16, 8th race, $2,052.
Taking Risks Stable LLC—NATURAL SEVEN: Mar. 30, 5th race, $1,094.40.
Sally Thomas and Warwick Stable—EXPECT NO LOVE: Mar. 29, 1st race, $1,368; Apr. 20, 7th race, $2,052. ($3,420)
Wags Nags LLC—DYNAMITE DIAMOND: Mar. 8, 2nd race, $1,436.40. MAY ONE: Mar. 27, 1st race, $1,641.60. ($3,078)
Winners Circle Partners VI—SEEKING OPTIONS: Mar. 13, 4th race, $1,641.60.
Albert and Eric Wirth—INFIELD: Apr. 6, 5th race, $820.80.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Wright—SNOW ON SNOW: Apr. 17, 7th race, $1,778.40. STELLA STARLIGHT: Apr. 18, 3rd race, $684. ($2,462.40)

Stallion bonuses

ALLEN'S PROSPECT (All Giving: Mar. 15, 10th race, $2,700): Allen's Prospect Syndicate.
AMERI VALAY (Bold Julio: Feb. 28, 3rd race, $427.50; Apr. 5, 3rd race, $427.50): Elaine and Charles Bassford—$855.
AWAD (Let Me Be Frank: Mar. 2, 1st race, $513): Awad Syndicate.
CARNIVALAY (Carni's Last Stand: Mar. 1, 3rd race, $427.50): Carnivalay Syndicate.
CITIDANCER (Abbicadabra: Mar. 16, 3rd race, $427.50; Apr. 20, 6th race, $513): Citidancer Syndicate—$940.50.
CROWD PLEASER (Gonna Go West: Apr. 4, 1st race, $513. Kalliyan: Mar. 28, 1st race, $427.50; Apr. 18, 4th race, $513): Crowd Pleaser Partnership—$1,453.50.
CRYPTO STAR (Crypto Prime: Mar. 2, 2nd race, $427.50. Lexi Star: Apr. 19, 6th race, $2,700. Star Mom: Apr. 18, 8th race, $1,197): Crypto Star Syndicate—$4,324.50.
DIAMOND (Baseball Diamond: Apr. 18, 5th race, $342. Dynamite Diamond: Mar. 8, 2nd race, $897.75. Infield: Apr. 6, 5th race, $513): Diamond Syndicate—$1,752.75.
DISCO RICO (La Chica Rica: Mar. 15, 10th race, $900. Zeta B: Apr. 5, 5th race, $684): Alfred and Joseph DiRico—$1,584.
EASTERN ECHO (D D T and Me: Apr. 10, 9th race, $684. Monster Echo: Mar. 14, 5th race, $427.50. Todd's Echo: Mar. 13, 2nd race, $427.50; Apr. 10, 8th race, $1,111.50): Eastern Echo Syndicate—$2,650.50.
JAZZ CLUB (Hot Sax: Mar. 6, 3rd race, $427.50. New York Stringer: Feb. 29, 3rd race, $513. Tattletale Twist: Apr. 10, 3rd race, $598.50): Lane's End Farm and Maryland Stallion Station—$1,539.
LION HEARTED (Military Courage: Mar. 27, 3rd race, $769.50. My Lioness: Apr. 17, 9th race, $342. Pouncing Tiger: Apr. 20, 3rd race, $513): Lion Hearted Syndicate—$1,624.50.
LOUIS QUATORZE (Regal Solo: Mar. 1, 9th race, $315; Mar. 22, 10th race, $1,200. Wolf the Chemist: Mar. 14, 7th race, $1,197): Louis Quatorze Syndicate—$2,712.
MEADOW MONSTER (Baltimore Raven: Apr. 20, 8th race, $684. Stella Starlight: Apr. 18, 3rd race, $427.5. Wooded: Mar. 2, 10th race, $427.50): Meadow Monster Syndicate—$1,539.
MOJAVE MOON (Midnight Flair: Apr. 11, 2nd race, $513): Mojave Moon Syndicate.
NO ARMISTICE (Onearmedbandit: Apr. 11, 1st race, $1,197. Syds Starr: Mar. 9, 9th race, $513): Country Life Farm and B. Wayne Hughes—$1,710.
NOT FOR LOVE (For Kisses: Mar. 15, 10th race, $495; Apr. 12, 9th race, $360. Forty Crowns: Mar. 29, 10th race, $660. Love You Too: Apr. 5, 1st race, $1,197; Apr. 17, 8th race, $412.50. She's So Proud: Mar. 30, 7th race, $1,197): Not For Love Syndicate—$4,321.50.
OUTFLANKER (All Around: Apr. 17, 2nd race, $1,197. Apple Special: Mar. 1, 9th race, $1,050. Flank Speed: Mar. 27, 5th race, $384.75. Kosmo's Buddy: Mar. 8, 9th race, $577.50. Pearlman: Apr. 4, 4th race, $1,197): Outflanker Syndicate—$4,406.25.
PARKER'S STORM CAT (Brass Storm Cat: Apr. 12, 10th race, $384.75): Country Life Farm and B. Wayne Hughes.
PARTNER'S HERO (Coheed: Mar. 16, 8th race, $1,282.50; Apr. 17, 8th race, $750. Natural Seven: Mar. 30, 5th race, $684. Orlop: Mar. 6, 5th race, $684. Outspoken Hero: Apr. 19, 5th race, $684. What Time It Is: Apr. 5, 9th race, $660): Partner's Hero Syndicate—$4,744.50.
POLISH NUMBERS (Power Numbers: Apr. 13, 6th race, $812.25): Polish Numbers Syndicate.
REGAL AMERICAN (Yacht Man: Mar. 30, 9th race, $427.50): Marilyn S. Ketts.
SEEKING DAYLIGHT (Seeking Options: Mar. 13, 4th race, $1,026. Seeking Revenge: Mar. 7, 5th race, $769.50; Mar. 30, 2nd race, $1,026): Seeking Daylight Syndicate—$2,821.50.
SWEAR BY DIXIE (Incidental Music: Apr. 3, 5th race, $1,197): Swear by Dixie Partnership.
TWO PUNCH (Grand Champion: Apr. 19, 4th race, $618.75. Lightening Flash: Mar. 1, 8th race, $1,282.50; Apr. 13, 7th race, $1,368. Snow On Snow: Apr. 17, 7th race, $1,111.50): Two Punch Syndicate—$4,380.75.
WAQUOIT (Best Approach: Mar. 15, 1st race, $427.50. Bobbilinkapoo: Apr. 18, 7th race, $1,111.50. May One: Mar. 27, 1st race, $1,026. Wacko: Mar. 30, 3rd race, $384.75): Waquoit Syndicate—$2,949.75.
YARROW BRAE (Our Bonnie Brae: Mar. 13, 6th race, $1,111.50. Warro: Mar. 7, 2nd race, $598.50): Yarrow Brae Syndicate—$1,710.

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Maryland's leading sires

Supplied by Bloodstock Research Information Services (BRIS), these statistics were compiled on May 4. † denotes freshman sire.

Earnings in 2008

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love	114	347	39	47	$1,210,140
Outflanker	90	293	34	43	1,009,540
Lion Hearted	79	249	31	37	865,399
Two Punch	74	219	22	32	697,329
Louis Quatorze	82	265	24	33	575,702
Allen's Prospect	64	229	17	21	415,536
Eastern Echo	46	139	19	27	401,066
Mojave Moon	50	161	13	15	241,436
Yarrow Brae	35	107	8	14	233,070
Crowd Pleaser	24	69	8	11	215,358
Crypto Star	38	140	9	11	206,224
Go for Gin	29	91	9	11	195,156
Rock Slide	14	41	4	6	189,975
Carnivalay	17	53	7	7	145,393
Wayne County (Ire)	16	64	6	8	134,586
Polish Numbers	22	56	4	6	124,370
Seeking Daylight	15	46	3	4	114,451
Waquoit	19	61	5	7	114,109
Citidancer	20	57	5	8	112,974
No Armistice	23	54	6	6	111,726

Earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Allen's Prospect	925	22,277	760	3,233	$51,942,500
Two Punch	744	14,345	579	2,198	44,276,600
Not For Love	454	8,572	344	1,336	36,932,800
Polish Numbers	439	8,848	361	1,311	31,897,200
Carnivalay	494	13,131	404	1,793	29,707,100
Smarten	507	12,399	388	1,692	27,087,300
Horatius	590	15,125	470	1,925	26,522,800
Waquoit	442	10,626	348	1,453	25,518,800
Citidancer	287	6,600	246	1,147	23,958,500
Eastern Echo	403	7,884	279	1,053	21,183,200
Norquestor	293	8,717	252	1,240	20,929,100
Louis Quatorze	369	5,932	265	794	18,634,300
Deputed Testamony	352	10,082	265	1,394	18,338,300
Oh Say	418	10,049	353	1,472	17,579,100
Shelter Half	303	8,426	248	1,157	14,270,300
Go for Gin	217	3,802	142	480	13,697,400
Outflanker	241	3,929	180	597	12,463,300
Corridor Key	236	5,741	185	676	7,967,640
Yarrow Brae	143	2,203	98	310	6,583,140
Lion Hearted	153	1,662	111	266	6,197,670

2-year-old earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Allen's Prospect	458	1,558	175	240	$5,629,410
Two Punch	364	1,169	144	181	4,650,690
Smarten	278	1,195	112	157	3,769,760
Polish Numbers	229	700	84	122	3,672,570
Not For Love	200	646	77	102	3,527,900
Citidancer	149	564	80	122	3,183,860
Eastern Echo	220	812	73	100	3,032,700
Carnivalay	249	1,010	88	122	2,480,130
Louis Quatorze	194	594	58	72	2,340,440
Outflanker	152	637	65	90	2,233,780
Waquoit	191	663	56	81	1,887,030
Horatius	267	991	99	134	1,642,260
Oh Say	152	574	65	90	1,457,000
Lion Hearted	83	277	37	52	1,431,450
Shelter Half	141	563	67	105	1,383,870
Norquestor	136	508	47	64	1,316,410
Deputed Testamony	174	695	38	51	761,008
Go for Gin	111	339	23	28	724,125
Corridor Key	106	400	35	46	708,408

Maryland's top 20 earners in 2008

(through May 4)

1. Barbecue Eddie . . . $151,780
2. Our Partner 79,000
3. Tessa Blue. 78,800
4. All Giving 74,920
5. D. Double You. 73,806
6. La Chica Rica. 68,688
7. Magical Gem 67,920
8. Casual. 66,220
9. Henry Street 65,380
10. Cognac Kisses 63,150
11. For Kisses. $61,350
12. Fancy Diamond 61,200
13. Good Night Shirt . . . 60,000
14. Fujita. 59,959
15. Lightening Flash. . . . 57,180
16. Maddy's Lion 56,410
17. Sheeler 54,480
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19. Down 52,240
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New Jersey-bred stakes to be run at Monmouth

THREE-YEAR-OLDS AND UP

June 15: $60,000 **BERNIE DOWD HANDICAP,** 1 mi. & 70 yds. *(Closes Sunday, June 8)*

July 6: $60,000 **COLTS NECK HANDICAP,** 6 fur. *(Closes Sunday, June 29)*

August 3: $60,000 **CHARLES HESSE HANDICAP,** 1 mi. & 70 yds. *(Closes Sunday, July 27)*

September 20: $60,000 **LINCROFT HANDICAP,** 6 fur. *(Closes Saturday, Sept. 13)*

September 20: $60,000 **NEW JERSEY BREEDERS' HANDICAP,** 1 1/16 mi. *(Closes Saturday, Sept. 13)*

FILLIES AND MARES, 3-YEAR-OLDS AND UP

June 28: $60,000 **SPRUCE FIR HANDICAP,** 1 mi. & 70 yds. *(Closes Saturday, June 21)*

July 19: $60,000 **GOLDFINCH HANDICAP,** 6 fur. *(Closes Saturday, July 12)*

September 20: $60,000 **ELEVEN NORTH HANDICAP,** 6 fur. *(Closes Saturday, Sept. 13)*

September 20: $60,000 **JERSEY GIRL HANDICAP,** 1 1/16 mi. *(Closes Saturday, Sept. 13)*

Monmouth Park stakes schedule

THREE-YEAR-OLDS AND UP

Sunday, June 1: $60,000 **Wolf Hill Stakes,** 5½ fur., turf. *(Closes Sunday, May 25)*

Saturday, June 7: $70,000 **Frisk Me Now Stakes,** 1 mi. & 70 yds. *(Closes Saturday, May 31)*

Sunday, June 8: $70,000 **Longfellow Stakes,** 6 fur. *(Closes Sunday, June 1)*

Sunday, June 15: $70,000 **Battlefield Stakes,** 1⅛ mi., turf. *(Closes Sunday, June 8)*

Saturday, July 5: $750,000 **United Nations Stakes-G1,** 1⅜ mi., turf. *(Closes Saturday, June 21)*

Saturday, July 5: $300,000 **Salvator Mile-G3,** 1 mi. *(Closes Saturday, June 21)*

Saturday, July 5: $75,000 **Mr. Prospector Stakes,** 6 fur. *(Closes Saturday, June 28)*

Saturday, July 12: $70,000 **Bob Harding Stakes,** 1 mi., turf. *(Closes Saturday, July 5)*

Sunday, July 13: $60,000 **John McSorley Stakes,** 5½ fur., turf. *(Closes Sunday, July 6)*

Saturday, July 26: $70,000 **Skip Away Stakes,** 1 1/16 mi. *(Closes Saturday, July 19)*

Sunday, August 3: $150,000 **Oceanport Stakes-G3,** 1 1/16 mi., turf. *(Closes Sunday, July 20)*

Sunday, August 3: $100,000 **Teddy Drone Stakes,** 6 fur. *(Closes Sunday, July 27)*

Sunday, August 10: $60,000 **My Frenchman Stakes,** 5½ fur., turf. *(Closes Sunday, August 3)*

Saturday, August 16: $300,000 **Philip H. Iselin Stakes-G3,** 1⅛ mi. *(Closes Saturday, August 2)*

Saturday, August 30: $150,000 **Red Bank Stakes-G3,** 1 mi., turf. *(Closes Saturday, August 16)*

Monday, September 1: $75,000 **Icecapade Stakes,** 6 fur. *(Closes Sunday, August 24)*

Saturday, September 6: $70,000 **Formal Gold Stakes,** 1 1/16 mi. *(Closes Saturday, August 30)*

Sunday, September 21: $100,000 **Point Given Stakes,** 1½ mi. *(Closes Sunday, September 14)*

FILLIES AND MARES, 3-YEAR-OLDS AND UP

Saturday, June 7: $60,000 **Candy Eclair Stakes,** 5½ fur., turf. *(Closes Saturday, May 31)*

Saturday, June 14: $150,000 **Eatontown Stakes-G3,** 1 1/16 mi., turf. *(Closes Saturday, May 31)*

Sunday, June 22: $70,000 **Blue Sparkler Stakes,** 6 fur. *(Closes Sunday, June 15)*

Sunday, June 29: $70,000 **Lighthouse Stakes,** 1 mi. & 70 yds. *(Closes Sunday, June 22)*

Sunday, July 6: $70,000 **Miss Liberty Stakes,** 1 1/16 mi., turf. *(Closes Sunday, June 29)*

Saturday, July 19: $60,000 **Klassy Briefcase Stakes,** 5½ fur., turf. *(Closes Saturday, July 12)*

Sunday, August 3: $150,000 **Taylor Made Matchmaker-G3,** 1⅛ mi., turf. *(Closes Sunday, July 20)*

Sunday, August 3: $100,000 **Lady's Secret Stakes,** 1 1/16 mi. *(Closes Sunday, July 27)*

Sunday, August 3: $100,000 **Regret Stakes,** 6 fur. *(Closes Sunday, July 27)*

Sunday, August 17: $60,000 **Incredible Revenge Stakes,** 5½ fur., turf. *(Closes Sunday, August 10)*

Saturday, August 23: $65,000 **Omnibus Stakes,** 1⅜ mi., turf. *(Closes Saturday, August 16)*

Sunday, August 24: $300,000 **Molly Pitcher Stakes-G2,** 1 1/16 mi. *(Closes Sunday, August 10)*

Sunday, September 14: $70,000 **Revidere Stakes,** 1 1/16 mi., turf. *(Closes Sunday, September 7)*

THREE-YEAR-OLDS

Saturday, June 14: $70,000 **Spend a Buck Stakes,** 1 mi. & 70 yds. *(Closes Saturday, June 7)*

Saturday, June 21: $60,000 **Anderson Fowler Stakes,** 5½ fur., turf. *(Closes Saturday, June 14)*

Friday, July 4: $150,000 **Jersey Shore Stakes-G3,** 6 fur. *(Closes Saturday, June 21)*

Friday, July 4: $65,000 **Choice Stakes,** 1⅛ mi., turf. *(Closes Friday, June 27)*

Saturday, July 12: $150,000 **Long Branch Stakes,** 1 1/16 mi. *(Closes Saturday, June 28)*

Sunday, August 3: $1,000,000 **Haskell Invitational-G1,** 1⅛ mi. *(By invitation)*

Sunday, August 3: $100,000 **Jersey Derby Stakes,** 1 1/16 mi., turf. *(Closes Sunday, July 27)*

Saturday, August 9: $70,000 **Select Stakes,** 6 fur. *(Closes Saturday, August 2)*

Monday, September 1: $60,000 **Gilded Time Stakes,** 5½ fur., turf. *(Closes Sunday, August 24)*

Sunday, September 7: $65,000 **Restoration Stakes,** 1 1/16 mi., turf. *(Closes Sunday, August 31)*

Sunday, September 28: $70,000 **Majestic Prince Stakes,** 1 1/16 mi. *(Closes Sunday, September 21)*

THREE-YEAR-OLD FILLIES

Saturday, June 21: $70,000 **Dearly Precious Stakes,** 6 fur. *(Closes Saturday, June 14)*

Saturday, June 28: $150,000 **Boiling Springs Stakes-G3,** 1 1/16 mi., turf. *(Closes Saturday, June 14)*

Sunday, July 13: $70,000 **Serena's Song Stakes,** 1 mi. & 70 yds. *(Closes Sunday, July 6)*

Sunday, July 20: $70,000 **Mongo Queen Stakes,** 6 fur. *(Closes Sunday, July 13)*

Sunday, July 27: $65,000 **Staybridge Suites Stakes,** 1 1/16 mi., turf. *(Closes Sunday, July 20)*

Saturday, August 2: $60,000 **Crank It Up Stakes,** 5½ fur., turf. *(Closes Saturday, July 26)*

Saturday, August 9: $150,000 **Monmouth Oaks-G3,** 1 1/16 mi. *(Closes Saturday, July 26)*

Sunday, August 24: $70,000 **Miss Woodford Stakes,** 6 fur. *(Closes Sunday, August 17)*

Saturday, August 30: $65,000 **Twin Light Stakes,** 1⅛ mi., turf. *(Closes Saturday, August 23)*

Saturday, September 13: $60,000 **Trenton Stakes,** 5½ fur., turf. *(Closes Saturday, September 6)*

TWO-YEAR-OLDS

Saturday, July 26: $65,000 **Tyro Stakes,** 5½ fur. *(Closes Saturday, July 19)*

Saturday, August 16: $60,000 **Continental Mile Stakes,** 1 mi., turf. *(Closes Saturday, August 9)*

Sunday, August 31: $150,000 **Sapling-G3,** 6 fur. *(Closes Sunday, August 17)*

Saturday, September 27: $200,000 **Monmouth Park N.A.T.C Futurity,** 6 fur. *(Closed May 15)*

TWO-YEAR-OLD FILLIES

Saturday, August 2: $65,000 **Colleen Stakes,** 5½ fur. *(Closes Saturday, July 26)*

Saturday, August 23: $60,000 **Junior Champion Stakes,** 1 mi., turf. *(Closes Saturday, August 16)*

Sunday, August 31: $100,000 **Sorority Stakes,** 6 fur. *(Closes Sunday, August 17)*

Saturday, September 27: $200,000 **Monmouth Park N.A.T.C Futurity,** 6 fur. *(Closed May 15)*

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Running time for the podcasts ranges from five to seven minutes. They are available for listening or downloading on the Rutgers podcast site at iTunes.rutgers.edu and via a link on the home page of the Equine Science Center Web site, www.esc.rutgers.edu.

The source material for the podcasts—Rutgers Cooperative Extension fact sheets—consists of original research by Extension and Equine Science Center-affiliated faculty as well as summaries of research and publications produced by other prominent scholars and experts. More than 40 fact sheets address topics of interest to horse and farm owners and others involved in the industry. On the Equine Science Center Web site, these are linked to frequently asked questions and a search engine.

"Our mantra is 'better horse care through research and education,' " said Dr. Karyn Malinowski, director of the Equine Science Center. "The Equine Science Center offers a wide variety of ways to learn—from seminars and conferences to peer-reviewed fact sheets to newsletters to our highly interactive Web site. Audio recordings in the form of the latest podcast technology are just one more way to make learning as convenient and effective as possible."

Additional podcasts are under development. Future topics will include a series on farm and barn safety, care and feeding of the older horse, nutrition for foals and growing horses, descriptions of equine metabolic issues, causes and prevention of equine stress, manure management and pasture management.

For more information, contact the Equine Science Center at (732) 932-9419.

New Jersey welcomes new arrivals

Following are registered New Jersey-bred foals of 2008, as of April 18, listed alphabetically by dam, with name of breeder.

B.c. 3/28 Mo Mon—All Ablaze, by Citidancer; Dianne Boyken.

Ch.c. 3/22 Here's Zealous—Ann Dear, by Grand Slam; Kaz Hill Farm.

B.f. 2/27 Wildcat Heir—Aspiring Sue, by Proof; Daniel J. Ljoka and Sharon Biamonte.

B.f. 2/17 Mr. Nugget—Backstage, by Slew o' Gold; Mary P. Purdey.

B.c. 2/26 Defrere—Bandwidth, by Kyle's Our Man; Nancy Freeman.

B.c. 3/18 Mr. Sinatra—Billysagoodancer, by Robyn Dancer; Hidden Acres 4-D Farm.

B.c. 2/19 Unbridled Jet—Boldly Appealing, by Valid Appeal; Char-Mari Stable.

B.c. 3/8 Close Up—Bolton Landing, by Horse Chestnut (SAf); John Petrini.

B.f. 3/23 Mo Mon—Bought the Farm, by Kipper Kelly; Jeanne L. Vuyosevich.

B.f. 3/28 Unbridled Jet—Brielle, by Wild Again; Cort and Trak Stable.

Ch.f. 2/18 Pioneering—Brightest, by Beau Genius; Anthony Haynes.

Ch.f. 3/10 Hit the Trail—Bright Rainbow, by High Brite; Roron Stable Inc.

Dk.b./br.c. 1/30 Gibson County—Brokerage Account, by Storm Broker; Mr. and Mrs. Jose Samaniego.

Dk.b./br.f. 1/27 Defrere—Burn's Term, by Big Burn; Patricia Generazio.

B.f. 3/14 Here's Zealous—Caitlin's Idol, by Northern Idol; Holly L. Harris.

B.f. 2/21 Domestic Dispute—Call Her Kathy, by More Than Ready; John Sessa.

B.c. 2/13 Defrere—Candy Cane C C, by Fort Chaffee; Windsor Astoria Farm and Stable.

Ch.f. 4/2 Crafty Friend—Cassidy's Code, by Better Arbitor; Quiet Winter Farm.

B.f. 2/14 Iron Deputy—Chiquilina, by Our Emblem; Susan Leeson.

Gr./ro.c. 3/26 Here's Zealous—Clever Sis, by Secret Hello; Kaz Hill Farm.

B.c. 2/16 Mr. Nugget—Countess Toni, by Distinctive Pro; Dennis A. Drazin.

Ch.f. 2/25 Crafty Friend—Count the Kisses, by Geiger Counter; John Sessa.

Dk.b./br.c. 3/10 Defrere—Crafty Compliment, by Crafty Friend; Larry Suloman.

Dk.b./br.f. 3/4 Here's Zealous—Crypto Secret, by Crypto Star; Kaz Hill Farm.

Ch.c. 4/14 Mo Mon—Devil's Chasm, by Proof; Ramona Barney.

Ch.c. 3/25 Real Quiet—Donna's Link, by Royal Link; Steve Verica.

Dk.b./br.f. 3/19 Roar of the Tiger—Draw Straws, by Key to the Mint; Hidden Acres 4-D Farm.

B.f. 2/28 Cherokee's Boy—Easley the Best, by Farma Way; Kenneth J. Kehoe.

Dk.b./br.f. 3/13 Deputy Warlock—Edison Lanes, by Skip Away; Tee N Jay Farm.

New Arrivals continued

B.f. 4/2 Mo Mon—Falsify, by Faltaat; Dianne Boyken.
B.f. 3/22 Defrere—Fashion Idol, by Northern Idol; Ralph R. Smith Jr.
B.c. 3/26 Defrere—Feedman's Daughter, by Bugatti Reef (Ire); Erin M. Hlubik.
B.f. 2/21 Here's Zealous—Ferracini, by Roar; Kaz Hill Farm.
B.c. 4/8 Love of Money—Finetune, by Northern Idol; Susan Leeson.
B.c. 3/7 Crafty Friend—Gaelic Bay, by Hay Halo; R. Maghan and Quiet Winter Farm.
Ch.c. 2/20 Regal Sanction—General Tree, by General Assembly; Lyno E. Maraspin.
Dk.b./br.f. 2/19 Catienus—Georgetown Honey, by Unaccounted For; Windsor Astoria Farm and Stable.
B.f. 3/1 Deputy Warlock—Grant City Gal, by Fire Dancer; George Vlcej.
Ch.c. 2/5 Rahy—Heckuva Time, by Gilded Time; Golden Dome Stable.
B.f. 4/2 Fastness (Ire)—Her Fling, by Robin des Pins; Frances Purdey.
Ch.c. 2/8 Newfoundland—High Noon Nellie, by Silver Deputy; Holly Crest Farm.
B.f. 3/16 Fastness (Ire)—Hillary Dream, by Keep Dreaming; Overdale Stable.
B.f. 3/3 Master Phone—Illumine, by Hermitage; Joseph Birnbaum.
Ch.c. 3/24 Jade Hunter—I'm Country, by Real Courage; Mildred Fleming.
B.c. 2/26 Oratory—Irish Sovereign, by Polish Numbers; Isabelle H. De Tomaso.
B.c. 2/15 Defrere—Jersey's Finest, by Candy Stripes; Thomas Cook.
B.f. 3/26 Here's Zealous—Jessicasbestfriend, by Langfuhr; Kaz Hill Farm.
Ch.f. 3/25 Domestic Dispute—Just Chocolate, by Pappa Riccio; Janet Laszlo.
Ch.f. 3/8 Some Kind of Tiger—Just Jackie, by Jack Livingston; R. Deckert and R. Deckert Sr.
B.f. 3/27 Love of Money—Karla's Victory, by Medieval Victory; John Sessa.
Gr./ro.f. 3/17 Two Punch—Kiati, by Waquoit; Mary E. Eppler Racing Stable Inc.
B.f. 2/12 Capture the Gold—Kingstown, by King of Kings (Ire); Holly Crest Farm.
Ch.f. 3/28 Forest Danger—Lady H, by Silver Deputy; C.J. Hesse Inc.
B.c. 3/23 Unbridled Jet—Let's Do Launch, by Canaveral; Casino Royale Farm.
Dk.b./br.c. 3/13 Hold That Tiger—Little E, by Waquoit; James Mac Cornack.
Ch.c. 3/2 Some Kind of Tiger—Live Doppler, by Buckhar; R. Deckert and R. Deckert Sr.
B.c. 3/2 Regal Sanction—Lovin'nonna, by Forever Silver; Lyno E. Maraspin.
B.c. 3/22 Iron Deputy—Lucky for Us, by You and I; Lyno E. Maraspin.
B.c. 2/18 Here's Zealous—Maidintheshade, by Indian Charlie; Kaz Hill Farm.
B.c. 4/1 Rock Slide—Midnight Train, by Red Ransom; Joseph Birnbaum.
B.f. 2/16 Alphabet Soup—Minor's Gold, by Miner's Mark; La Marca Stable and Kimberly Manning.
B.f. 2/14 Lite the Fuse—My Admiration, by Dr. Adagio; Mr. and Mrs. Jose Samaniego.
B.f. 3/15 Tree—My Margaret, by Parfaitement; John Petrini.
B.c. 2/10 Defrere—Mysterious Ways, by Hay Halo; Sandra L. Olex.
B.c. 3/14 Gerosa—Naughty Nugget, by Mr. Nugget; Joel Kligman.
B.f. 3/24 Here's Zealous—Nine Meadows, by Meadow Flight; Thomas Cook.
B.c. 2/6 Drewman—Oh Fudge, by Montbrook; Janet Laszlo.
B.c. 3/28 Forest Camp—Party to Party, by Jules; Ed Broome and Richard Malouf.
B.f. 1/23 Here's Zealous—Paul's Pretty Peg, by Hesabull; Kaz Hill Farm.
Ch.c. 3/8 No Armistice—Peppy Candy, by Candy Stripes; Joseph Birnbaum.
B.c. 1/30 Defrere—Phase Three, by Great Gladiator; Michael V. Merola.
B.c. 2/24 Crafty Friend—Phone Card, by Pick Up the Phone; Jersey Shore Racing Stable.
Dk.b./br.f. 3/11 Hook and Ladder—Prime Jewel, by The Prime Minister; Jet-M Stable.
B.c. 3/27 Aptitude—Princess Ariana, by Kingmambo; Joseph Rodi.
B.c. 3/20 Louis Quatorze—Saratoga Luck, by My Prince Charming; Dianne Boyken.
B.f. 4/4 Mo Mon—Sasabe, by Pappa Riccio; Ramona Barney.
Ch.f. 2/23 Master Phone—Satiate, by Pioneering; Joseph Birnbaum.
Ch.f. 3/2 More Than Ready—Silent Serenade, by Blare of Trumpets; C L S Stables.
Gr./ro.c. 3/16 Hit the Trail—Silver Victory, by Silver Buck; Silver Victory Stable LLC.
Ch.c. 4/8 Mo Mon—Sinagua, by Spin Off; Ramona Barney.
B.c. 3/22 Defrere—Sky Moment, by Crafty Prospector; Lyno E. Maraspin.
B.f. 3/7 Fastness (Ire)—Slavic Wind, by Slavic; Holly L. Harris.
Ch.c. 2/25 Capture the Gold—Springtime Stella, by Intensity; Holly Crest Farm.
B.c. 3/24 Iron Deputy—Sprinkles Rodeogal, by Heff; Casino Royale Farm.
B.f. 2/23 Defrere—Steady Anna, by Steady Growth; Joseph Calvo.
Dk.b./br.c. 4/3 Gerosa—Stitch N Hitch, by Evening Kris; Karen B. Jennings.
Ch.f. 3/26 Crafty Friend—Strawberry Vixen, by Wolf Power (SAf); Tee N Jay Farm.
B.f. 3/12 Defrere—Sunshine Lil, by End Sweep; Menotti Lembo.
B.f. 2/29 Forest Danger—Sweet Future, by Sweetsouthernsaint; Char-Mari Stable.
B.f. 3/22 Olmodavor—Swiftly Tilting, by Belong to Me; George and Margaret Schwartz.
B.f. 1/22 Hit the Trail—Tacony, by Northern Idol; Holly Crest Farm.
Ch.f. 3/12 Some Kind of Tiger—Time Ofthe Essence, by Out of Place; R. Deckert and R. Deckert Sr.
B.f. 2/28 Private Interview—Tippy Toe Tessa, by Swain; Colonial Farms.
B.c. 4/9 Not For Love—Trial Fighter, by Skip Trial; John Sessa.
Ch.f. 2/25 Wildcat Heir—Uphill Skier, by Appealing Skier; New Farm.
Dk.b./br.c. 3/2 Defrere—Venus Star, by Private Terms; Quiet Winter Farm.
B.c. 2/12 Here's Zealous—Verolita, by Fort Wayne; Ramon Martin.
B.f. 2/17 Mo Mon—Waytooeasy, by Will's Way; William Purdey Jr.
B.c. 2/20 Unbridled Jet—Whoop's Ah Daisy, by Northern Idol; Kurt and Joan Sleeter.
Ch.f. 2/25 Grand Slam—Wild Mistress, by Forest Wildcat; Windsor Astoria Farm and Stable.
B.f. 2/2 Bold Truth—Winged Delite, by Lost Code; Mildred Fleming.
B.c. 3/25 Here's Zealous—Won Dozen Roses, by Signal Tap; Kaz Hill Farm.
B.f. 3/19 No Armistice—Wondrous, by Hermitage; Joseph Birnbaum.
Dk.b./br.c. 3/28 Mo Mon—Won Jenelle, by Mercedes Won; Dianne Boyken.
B.c. 4/4 Mr. Sinatra—Wrinkled Brow, by Smarten; Hidden Acres 4-D Farm.
Ch.c. 4/14 Mo Mon—Yaqui River, by Evening Kris; Ramona Barney.
B.f. 4/14 Mo Mon—Yarnell Hill, by Pappa Riccio; Ramona Barney.

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Hoofprints

Bill and Brigid Thompson's North Carolina-bred filly, foaled in February, by Ontario-based sire Where's the Ring out of Alla Turca (by Devongate).

In memoriam

Gail Elizabeth Knieriem, of Raleigh, N.C., died on September 27, 2007, following an extended illness.

She was the first secretary of the North Carolina Thoroughbred Association and did a masterful job of editing the newsletter, which she christened *Post Time*.

Gail leaves behind an army of friends and former hunt/jump students, all of whom benefited immeasurably from having known her. She was an accomplished rider and teacher and an extraordinary friend.

Jim and Judy Chandley and their Chandley Farms LLC celebrated a thrilling allowance victory at Keeneland on April 9 with their 4-year-old homebred gelding Freedom Alert, who scored by a nose in his second outing of 2008.

Trained by Michael Leahy, Freedom Alert missed by a mere half-length while making his season's debut at Turfway Park on March 20, but was dismissed at odds of 6.8-1 when returning in a competitive field of 10 at Keeneland.

The win, worth $33,756, nearly doubled his career earnings to $75,928 from 11 career starts.

Freedom Alert was sired by the Chandleys' stallion Misbah, who stands at Biroak Farm in Kentucky. The Chandleys still own his dam, Turbonative (by Sitzmark), who was bred back to Misbah this year in hopes of producing a full sibling to Freedom Alert.

The Chandleys have another strong prospect in the 2-year-old colt Suyeta (Indian Charlie—American Moud, by Quiet American), who was training well at Keeneland this spring. They plan to give him plenty of time to develop "because he should be a two-turn horse."

Among the broodmares the Chandleys sent out for mating this year are young mares Masa (Dixie Union—My Yellow Diamond, by Housebuster), bred to Orientate; Sophia Grace (Fusaichi Pegasus—Altos de Chavon, by Polish Numbers), bred to Forest Wildcat; and Dixie Lass (Misbah—Safe At Home, by Homebuilder), booked to Bandini.

The Chandleys report that they've been "trying to get some nice mares for Misbah, especially Mr. Prospector granddaughters or Wild Rush daughters, as both have worked nicely." They added that their Sadler's Wells stallion Austin

Powers (Ire) is available to relocate in 2009 to a farm where he could serve both the flat racing and hunter/jumper markets.

The following report comes from **Bob and Dianne Sanford**'s Fair View Farm:

Sir Harriett (Sir Harry Lewis—Buenas Neches, by Hagley), the dam of two stakes winners, delivered a filly by Include on March 28 and was booked to Mineshaft.

Sir Harriett's daughters Harriett's Gem and Parade Girl also produced foals.

Harriett's Gem (Diamond) had a filly by Tapit on February 7 and was bred back to Songandaprayer

Parade Girl (Parade Ground) has a colt by Posse, born on April 1, and returned to Friends Lake.

Bill and Brigid Thompson's Maple Lane Farm announced the arrival of three foals:

On March 11, Derby Tie (Black Tie Affair-Ire—Derby Topper, by Topsider) produced a filly, already named Aberforth, by Canadian champion One Way Love.

Class With Luck (Caveat—Lucky Duckett, by Alleged) gave birth to a filly on March 22 by the Gone West stallion Trajectory.

Alla Turca, by Devongate out of Class With Luck and a half-sister to stakes winner Glorious Grace, foaled a filly on February 7 (pictured on page 1 of this newsletter) by Where's the Ring, a son of Seeking the Gold from the family of successful young sire Broken Vow.

The Thompsons' stakes-producing mare Lasque, a stakes-placed daughter of Bounding Basque—Lascivious, by Bold Ambition, has been pronounced in foal for 2009 to E Dubai.

Sandy and Joanne Dew provided an update from their Dogwood Plantation:

Their graded stakes-winning and multiple graded stakes-placed mare Cozy Blues (Cure the Blues—Cozumel Kitty, by Tom Rolfe) had a Grand Slam colt on March 23, foaled in Kentucky.

Phone Chances (Phone Trick—Bucking the Odds, by Spend a Buck) is the dam of a Powerscourt (GB) filly who arrived in Kentucky on April 6.

The 3-year-old homebred filly Estrella Victoria (Changeintheweather out of Phone Chances) was set to make her debut at Pimlico this spring.

Veteran runner Thalian Hall, a 5-year-old gelding by Theatrical (Ire) out of Cozy Blues, returned to Fair Hill Training Center in Maryland after spending the winter months at Tampa Bay Downs in Florida. He was also scheduled to race at Pimlico.

Cozy Blues's 4-year-old son, Jacob's Run (by Gulch), has moved to a new trainer, Chuck Simon, at Keeneland.

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Pennsylvania Breeding Fund Stallions Ranked by Total Stallion Awards Earned

January 1 through March 31, 2008 - Stallion Awards Total $136,778 (rounded to dollars)

Stallion	Stallion Owner/Manager	Total No. of races	Total Stallion Awards
Power by Far	Barbara Geraghty	43	15,083
Quarry	Xanthus Farms Inc.	28	11,078
Coastal Storm	William J. Solomon VMD	24	9,824
Patton	Thomas N. Reigle	40	9,056
Caller I. D.	Michael Jester	28	8,392
Lord At Law	Charles A. Cuprill	15	5,147
Special Times	Robert F. Fishman	9	4,191
My Favorite Grub	Roberta Seeger	9	4,178
Banker's Gold	Thomas N. Reigle	22	4,141
Dusty Screen	Daniel J. Ljoka	7	3,591
Corporate Report	William J. Solomon VMD	6	3,517
Federal Trial	Helen N. Stearns	10	2,986
Silver Magistrate	Frederick S. Champagne	5	2,890
Roanoke	Thomas N. Reigle	37	2,884
Turn West	Richard N. Miller	10	2,847
Ponche	Peter John Alafoginis	13	2,802
Count On Steve	Charles A. Cuprill	25	2,790
Bombardier	Peter Giangiulio	12	2,729
Tekken (Ire)	Shirley A. Lojeski	6	2,722
Ocean Splash	Victoria Marie Herlinger	23	2,645
Pin Stripe	William J. Solomon VMD	8	2,561
Contemplate	Mark F. Ridall	9	2,132
Alyten	Alyten Syndicate	15	2,102
Digamist	Autumn Winds Farm LLC	15	1,956
Fastness (Ire)	Fastness LLC	9	1,934
Lord Carlos	Charles A. Cuprill	8	1,765

Stallion	Stallion Owner/Manager	Total No. of races	Total Stallion Awards
Dark Mystery	Estate of Northland Farm	8	1,747
Judge T C	Thomas N. Reigle	34	1,709
Harry the Hat	Raymond Farrell	7	1,568
Activist	Judith M. Barrett	20	1,538
Company Approval	Barbara A. Rickline	6	1,434
Lil's Lad	Lane's End Stallions Inc.	6	1,344
Nepal	The Nepal Syndicate	5	1,260
Just Like Jo	Francis J. Puleo	12	1,176
Clash by Night	Xanthus Farms Inc.	15	1,087
Cat's Career	Thomas N. Reigle	15	1,057
Erland	Patricia Ann Fullmer	3	867
Spectaculardynasty	Graeme H. Beaton	3	764
Attorney	Judith M. Barrett	8	739
Technology	Thomas N. Reigle	5	630
Buck'sinthebank	John R. Rastetter	3	607
Western Echo	Tea Party Stable Inc.	13	514
Sir Eric	Our Farm Inc.	2	399
Reigning King	Karen Kohl	2	385
Flying Pidgeon	Flying Pidgeon Syndicate	10	354
Pok Ta Pok	Frederick A. Ziegler	3	275
Saucy Token	Patricia Ann Fullmer	3	272
Raging Slew	Cheryl D. Zimmermann	1	269
Brian Is Golden	J.R. Rastetter Racing Stable	6	246
Western Miner	Linwood Stables	2	224
Collection Agent	Walter B. Magee	3	223
Two Davids	Charles A. King Jr.	6	147

2008 Pennsylvania Breeding Fund Program Awards

January 1 through March 31, 2008 - Disbursements Total $1,185,598
Leading Award Recipients with Total Awards greater than $3,000 (rounded to dollars)
Breeding Fund + PA Bonus Disbursements + Restricted Purses + Stakes Total = $3,774,366

Award Recipient	Breeder Awards	Stallion Awards	Owner Awards	YTD Total Awards
William J. Solomon VMD	23,162	15,901	0	39,064
Charles A. Cuprill	29,106	9,702	0	38,807
Golden Oak Farm LLC	31,239	0	4,500	35,739
Roberta Seeger	30,757	4,178	0	34,936
Sylmar Farm Inc.	28,085	0	0	28,085
Castle Rock Farm	25,351	0	0	25,351
Barbara Geraghty	10,080	15,083	0	25,163
Judith M. Barrett	20,567	2,277	0	22,844
Thomas N. Reigle	2,575	19,477	0	22,052
Daniel J. Ljoka	15,981	3,591	0	19,572
Peter Giangiulio	15,341	2,729	0	18,070
Xanthus Farms Inc.	5,680	12,165	0	17,845
Tea Party Stable Inc.	16,716	514	0	17,230
Russell B. Jones Jr.	16,873	0	0	16,873
Daniel M. Ryan	15,742	0	0	15,742
Five Of Us Farm Inc.	15,523	0	0	15,523
Arrowwood Farm Inc.	15,219	0	0	15,219
Ronald Harris Parker	14,949	0	0	14,949
Pandora Farms LLC	13,721	0	0	13,721
Michael E. Lauer Racing	13,410	0	0	13,410
Phyllis M. Wyeth	13,404	0	0	13,404
PAR 3 Stables Inc.	12,852	0	0	12,852
Robert A. Szeyller	12,744	0	0	12,744
Toni M. Kirwan	12,636	0	0	12,636
Briter Farm	12,231	0	0	12,231
Helen N. Stearns	8,957	2,986	0	11,943
Michael Jester	3,398	8,392	0	11,790
E & D Enterprises	11,771	0	0	11,771
Shirley A. Lojeski	8,585	2,722	0	11,307
SUN Corp	11,296	0	0	11,296
William Cooke Powder	10,764	0	0	10,764
George Strawbridge Jr.	10,640	0	0	10,640
Manuel Gonzalez-Gierbolini	10,616	0	0	10,616
Larry Ciletti	10,325	0	0	10,325
Mer-Lyn Farms LLC	9,856	0	0	9,856
Karen S Farrar	9,724	0	0	9,724
The Elkstone Group LLC	9,700	0	0	9,700
Constance A. Scherr	9,341	0	0	9,341
Denise McHenry Dommel	9,312	0	0	9,312
Francis J. Puleo	8,114	1,176	0	9,290
Frances Hartwell	8,840	0	0	8,840
Estate of Northland Farm	7,057	1,747	0	8,804
Del Snyder	8,669	0	0	8,669
Indian Mills Stock Farm	8,316	0	0	8,316
Anthony Cirillo Jr.	7,784	0	0	7,784
John Hulak	7,560	0	0	7,560
Shellaine K. Brown	7,392	0	0	7,392
William E. Riddle Jr.	7,392	0	0	7,392
P.F.N. Fanning	7,383	0	0	7,383
Jane White	7,335	0	0	7,335
J & B Stables	7,168	0	0	7,168
Richard A. Reveley	7,082	0	0	7,082
Yigal Rappaport	7,056	0	0	7,056
Nancy Harris	7,056	0	0	7,056
Richard N. Miller	4,154	2,847	0	7,001

Award Recipient	Breeder Awards	Stallion Awards	Owner Awards	YTD Total Awards
Everest Stables Inc.	6,988	0	0	6,988
Highland Meadows Farm	6,910	0	0	6,910
Sinatra Thoroughbred Racing	6,869	0	0	6,869
Doris Segel	6,720	0	0	6,720
Ronald S. Glorioso	6,530	0	0	6,530
Spinnaker Hill Upland	6,438	0	0	6,438
Diamond S Stables LLC	6,194	0	0	6,194
Kimberlite Race Farm LLC	5,987	0	0	5,987
Marcia G. Solda	5,809	0	0	5,809
James E. Hess	5,779	0	0	5,779
Moving Cloud Farm LLC	5,544	0	0	5,544
Jane G. Baker	5,535	0	0	5,535
James J. Nicoletti	5,273	0	0	5,273
Matthew Linda	5,207	0	0	5,207
Highland Eyrie Inc.	5,176	0	0	5,176
Eugene E. Weymouth	5,143	0	0	5,143
Anne F. Thorington	5,057	0	0	5,057
Jeri Mooneyham	5,040	0	0	5,040
Michael Chovanes	4,895	0	0	4,895
Sez Who Thoroughbreds	4,816	0	0	4,816
Herold Whylie	4,774	0	0	4,774
Equivine Farm Inc.	4,749	0	0	4,749
Deborah E. Corter	4,708	0	0	4,708
Warwick Stables Inc.	4,704	0	0	4,704
Pewter Stable	4,624	0	0	4,624
Four Sisters Stable LP	4,606	0	0	4,606
Patricia Ann Fullmer	3,416	1,139	0	4,554
Sandra M. Kite	4,536	0	0	4,536
Penna Thoro'breds LLC	4,384	0	0	4,384
Lindsay C.F. Scott	4,349	0	0	4,349
Peter P. Zanette	4,234	0	0	4,234
Robert F. Fishman	0	4,191	0	4,191
R.H. Breeding LLC	4,172	0	0	4,172
Arlene R. Daney Partners	4,125	0	0	4,125
Thelma F. Brown	4,113	0	0	4,113
Joseph H. Nunan III	4,032	0	0	4,032
Rhodes and Pagnoni	4,032	0	0	4,032
Ronald W. Rogers	3,966	0	0	3,966
Casino Royale Farm Inc.	3,922	0	0	3,922
Victoria Marie Herlinger	1,260	2,645	0	3,905
Sewell A. Brown, III	3,869	0	0	3,869
Country Life Farm	3,791	0	0	3,791
Hugh E. Kelley	3,752	0	0	3,752
Thomas M. McCann	3,593	0	0	3,593
Roberta L. Schneider MD	3,511	0	0	3,511
Wind N Leaves Farm Inc.	3,494	0	0	3,494
Geraldyne F. Mitchell	3,493	0	0	3,493
SMD Ltd.	3,489	0	0	3,489
Dun Roamin Farm Inc.	3,355	0	0	3,355
Land Of Believe Farm Inc.	3,238	0	0	3,238
Ralph S. Frame	3,150	0	0	3,150
Melvin Ray Moyer	3,137	0	0	3,137
Bryant H. Prentice III	3,062	0	0	3,062
Graeme H. Beaton	2,293	764	0	3,058
Angela Traitz	3,018	0	0	3,018

2008 PENNSYLVANIA-BRED STAKES SCHEDULE

Race Date	Track	Name of Race	Eligibility	Distance	Value
Sat Jan 26	Phila Pk	***Le Grande Pos H.***	*4YO & Up*	5 1/2 Fur	$75,000
	1st - Banjo Picker; 2nd - Power by Leigh; 3rd - Geefour				
Sat Feb 2	Phila Pk	***Foxy J. G. S.***	*4YO & Up, f & m*	6 Fur	$75,000
	1st - Jet Away Jane; 2nd - S W Aly'svalentine; 3rd - Coffee Shop				
Sat Feb 23	Phila Pk	***Docent H.***	*4YO & Up*	1 1/16 M	$75,000
	1st - Chase the Line; 2nd - Sonvida Red; 3rd - Disco T				
Thu May 8	Penn Nat	***Danzig S.***	*3YO*	6 Fur	$75,000
	1st - Balian; 2nd - Double Down Vinman; 3rd - Allotrope				
Thu May 8	Penn Nat	***Wonders Delight S.***	*3YO, fillies*	6 Fur	$75,000
	1st - Reata's Quik Punch; 2nd - Extra Sexy Psychic; 3rd - Lesly's Back				
Sat May 10	Phila Pk	***Lyman Sprint H.***	*3YO & Up*	7 Fur	$75,000
	1st - Whistle Pig; 2nd - Joey Carson; 3rd - Sonvida Red				
Fri May 30	Penn Nat	***Roanoke S.***	*3YO & Up, PA-Sired*	6 Fur	$75,000
Fri May 30	Penn Nat	***Power by Far H.***	*3YO & Up, PA-Sired f & m*	6 Fur	$75,000
Fri May 30	Penn Nat	***Nepal S.***	*3YO & Up, PA-Sired*	1 1/16 M	$75,000
Fri May 30	Penn Nat	***Robellino S.***	*3YO & Up, PA-Sired f & m*	1 1/16 M	$75,000
Sat Jun 14	Phila Pk	***Alphabet Soup H.***	*3YO & Up*	1 1/16 M - Turf	$75,000
Wed Jun 18	Prsq Isle	***Lil E. Tee S.***	*3YO*	6 Fur	$75,000
Wed Jun 18	Prsq Isle	***Cozy Lace S.***	*3YO, fillies*	6 1/2 Fur	$75,000
Thu Jun 19	Prsq Isle	***Malvern Rose S.***	*3YO & Up, f & m*	6 1/2 Fur	$75,000
Thu Jun 19	Prsq Isle	***Presidentialaffair S.***	*3YO & Up*	6 1/2 Fur	$75,000
Fri Jun 20	Prsq Isle	***Willy Wank S.***	*3YO & Up*	1 1/8 M	$75,000
Sat Jun 28	Phila Pk	***Caught in the Rain S.***	*3YO & Up, f & m*	1 1/16 M - Turf	$75,000
Fri Jul 11	Prsq Isle	***Parfaitement***	*3YO, PA-Sired*	1 1/16 M	$75,000
Fri Jul 11	Prsq Isle	***Leematt***	*3YO & Up, PA-Sired*	6 1/2 Fur	$75,000
Fri Jul 11	Prsq Isle	***Ga Hai H.***	*3YO & Up, PA-Sired f & m*	6 1/2 Fur	$75,000
Fri Jul 18	Penn Nat	***Lyphard***	*3YO*	1 M - Turf	$75,000
Fri Jul 18	Penn Nat	***Dear Jane***	*3YO, fillies*	1 M - Turf	$75,000
Fri Jul 18	Prsq Isle	***First Approach***	*3YO & Up, f & m*	1 1/16 M	$75,000
Fri Jul 25	Penn Nat	***Ligature***	*3YO & Up*	1 1/16 M - Turf	$75,000
Pennsylvania's Day At The Races - Philadelphia Park - Saturday, August 23					
Sat Aug 23	Phila Pk	***Peppy Addy S.***	*3YO*	1 Mile	$100,000
Sat Aug 23	Phila Pk	***Ambassador of Luck H.***	*3YO & Up, f & m*	6 Fur	$100,000
Sat Aug 23	Phila Pk	***Smarty Jones Classic***	*3YO & Up*	1 1/16 M	$125,000
Sat Aug 23	Phila Pk	***Devil's Honor H.***	*3YO & Up*	6 Fur	$100,000
Sat Aug 23	Phila Pk	***Mr. Jenney***	*3YO & Up*	5 Fur - Turf	$100,000
Sat Aug 23	Phila Pk	***Flatterer H. - Steeplechase***	*3YO & Up*	2 1/16 M Hurdle	$75,000
Sat Aug 23	Phila Pk	***Captain My Captain H.***	*3YO & Up, PA-Sired*	7 Fur	$100,000
Sat Aug 23	Phila Pk	***Mrs. Penny S.***	*3YO & Up, f & m*	1 1/16 M - Turf	$100,000
Sat Aug 23	Phila Pk	***Northern Fling H.***	*3YO & Up, PA-Sired f & m*	7 Fur	$100,000

Race Date	Track	Name of Race	Eligibility	Distance	Value
Mon Sep 1	Prsq Isle	***Send More Money***	*2YO, c & g*	5 1/2 Fur	$75,000
Mon Sep 1	Prsq Isle	***Channel Three***	*2YO, fillies*	5 1/2 Fur	$75,000
Fri Sep 19	Prsq Isle	***Dusty Screen***	*3YO*	1 Mile	$75,000
Thu Oct 30	Penn Nat	***High Yield***	*2YO*	6 Fur	$75,000
Sat Nov 1	Phila Pk	***Yankee Affair***	*3YO & Up*	7 Fur	$75,000
Thu Nov 6	Penn Nat	***Blue Mountain S.***	*2YO, fillies*	6 Fur	$75,000
Sat Dec 6	Phila Pk	***PA Nursery S.***	*2YO*	7 Fur	$75,000
Sat Dec 6	Phila Pk	***Eavesdrop S.***	*2YO, fillies*	7 Fur	$75,000

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PHBA 2008 Dates of Interest

Thursday, July 31 — **Early Discount Deadline for Registrations of 2007 PA-Bred Foals**

Saturday, August 23 — **Pennsylvania's Day At The Races - Philadelphia Park**

Wednesday, December 31 — **Early Deadline for Scheduled Registration of 2008 PA-Bred Foals**

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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER JUNE 2008

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Anderson County to promote equine activities

The Anderson County Council at its January meeting passed an initiative to engage the Economic Development Division to recruit horse-related industries for the county.

Long-range goals of this program are to bolster the local economy and make Anderson County an attractive area for horse enthusiasts who are considering relocating their operations.

The Anderson County Economic Development director, Heather Simmons Jones, will be the speaker at the SCTOBA summer meeting, to take place at the Foothills Equestrian and Nature Center in Landrum, S.C., on June 21. Lunch will be served at 1 p.m, and the program will follow.

Several planning initiatives are on the drawing board. They include both public and private land for trails, hunt clubs and new facilities. Anderson County is home to Garrison Arena, a Clemson University facility. It also shares the Clemson Equestrian Trail system with neighboring counties.

In the most recent equine census, Anderson County was ranked second by number of horses. The county has the local support to make this program a huge success and serve as a model for other counties in the region looking for industry that builds jobs as well as green space.

Deadline for South Carolina Residency Races: June 30

The deadline to nominate for the 2008 South Carolina Residency Races is June 30.

The Donna Freyer and Christopher Elser Memorial Stakes will be run Sunday, November 16 at Philadelphia Park.

Each race will carry a purse of $50,000 and will be contested at six and a half furlongs.

The races are open to 2-year-olds who have spent at least 90 days in South Carolina by June 30 and whose owners have paid a nomination fee.

MAGGIE FURRAY

Shelley Antley, whose late son, jockey Chris Antley, honed his riding skills at Elloree Training Center, appeared at this year's Elloree Trials in a "Jan Rushton hat"—donated by Jan Rushton as a silent auction item at the 2008 SCTOBA awards dinner, at which Rushton was the guest speaker.

South Carolina-trained winners

Horse	*Training Center*	*Date*	*Track*	*Type of Race*
Van Leroy	McCutchen Training Center	4/18	Penn National	Maiden special weight
I'm a Snow Angel	Webb Carroll Training	4/17	Charles Town	Allowance
Fancy Diamond	Elloree Training Center	4/17	Aqueduct	Allowance
All Around	Elloree Training Center	4/17	Pimlico	Maiden special weight
Sky Dragon	Webb Carroll Training	4/16	Aqueduct	Maiden special weight
Hear My Voice	Webb Carroll Training	4/16	Penn National	Maiden special weight
Prom Shoes	Webb Carroll Training	4/11	Oaklawn Park	Fifth Season Stakes
Summer Courtship	Custom Care Equine	4/9	Keeneland	Allowance
Eight Belles	Holly Hill Training Center	4/6	Oaklawn Park	Fantasy Stakes-G2
Liscarroll	Webb Carroll Training	4/6	Gulfstream Park	Maiden special weight
Hungarian Boatbaby	Custom Care Equine	4/5	Laurel Park	Primonetta Stakes
Fast Talking	Elloree Training Center	4/5	Laurel Park	Allowance
Yankee Pride	Elloree Training Center	4/5	Laurel Park	Allowance
Holy Vesper	Webb Carroll Training	4/2	Penn National	Allowance
Bikini Atoll	Fenwick Farm	3/29	Tampa Bay Downs	Allowance
Lacewell	Custom Care Equine	3/29	Charles Town	Starter allowance
Venture Fund	McCutchen Training Center	3/28	Charles Town	Maiden special weight
Rite Moment	Webb Carroll Training	3/22	Aqueduct	Distaff Handicap-G2
Minewander	Fenwick Farm	3/21	Oaklawn Park	Allowance
Brahms Lullaby	Webb Carroll Training	3/20	Hawthorne	Allowance
Sole of the City	Fenwick Farm	3/7	Hawthorne	Optional claiming
Malibu Moonshine	Fenwick Farm	3/1	Aqueduct	Stymie Handicap
Even Par	Fenwick Farm	2/17	Tampa Bay Downs	Allowance

Virginia News

June 2008

FROM THE VIRGINIA THOROUGHBRED ASSOCIATION

Virginia HBPA spring series

VA-bred Rosemont Runner won at Casanova for owner Gary Baker.

Roseville Run, owned and bred by Dr. Eric Myers, took two races in the series.

Casanova

The Virginia HBPA sponsored a series of flat races, each with a purse of $2,000, for Virginia-bred and/or Virginia-sired horses at the spring point-to-points.

The series got underway at the Casanova Hunt point-to-point on February 24 in Warrenton with a victory by Gary Baker's **Rosemont Runner.**

Trained by Mrs. D.M. Smithwick and ridden by Nick Carter, the 8-year-old took the lead when Mignon Smith's Mede Cahaba Stable and Stud's Complete Care blew the turn. Although Complete Care rallied late for trainer Lilith Boucher and rider Richard Boucher, Rosemont Runner held on for the half-length score, stopping the timer in 1:18.20 for six and a half furlongs. Bruce Smart's Leaves of Autumn finished third.

Rosemont Runner (Tom Cobbley—Four Dancing Hoovs, by Quadratic) was bred in Virginia by John Schultheis.

Blue Ridge

Dr. Eric J. Myer's homebred **Roseville Run** captured the second race in the series, the Woodley Cup, at the Blue Ridge Hunt point-to-point in Berryville on March 8.

The 4-year-old Virginia-bred gelding by Run Softly (out of Rustic Rose, by Linkage) covered the mile on a yielding turf in 2:41.20 while winning by eight widening lengths over Kinross Farm's Hey Doctor and Northfield Farm LLC's Expel. Catherine Stimpson rode the winner, who was trained by Stephen Pollard.

Tatjana's Salute was never threatened en route to triumph at Warrenton.

Warrenton

Jalin Stable's **Tatjana's Salute** rallied to take the lead at the head of the stretch and won very much in hand by two and a half lengths as the series continued at the Warrenton Hunt point-to-point on March 15. Tatjana's Salute, trained by Jazz Napravnik and ridden by Melanie Williams, covered the mile and an eighth in 2:08.

HBPA series veterans Xtra Smart (owned by Alix White) and Kinross Farm's Run the Light were second and third, respectively, in the field of nine.

The 4-year-old Tatjana's Salute is by Boy Done Good out of Rhea Rose, by T. Brooke. She was bred in Virginia by Linda P. Davis.

Piedmont

At Piedmont on March 22 in Upperville, Dr. Eric J. Myer's **Roseville Run** returned under rider Colvin Ryan to win the about 10-furlong turf race by a half-length over Andrea Russell's Slavic's Gold and Jalin Stable's Tatjana's Salute.

Facing nine rivals, Roseville Run went to the front in the early going, was headed by Slavic's Gold in the final three-sixteenths, and came again for his second victory in the series. Final time was 2:01.20.

Kinross Farm's Run the Light (Chris Read, right) overtook Slavic's Gold at Old Dominion.

Old Dominion

At Old Dominion in Ben Venue on April 5, a field of 11 faced the starter for the Leeds Manor. Kinross Farm's Virginia-bred **Run the Light**, ridden by Chris Read for trainer Neil Morris, was victorious over Andrea Russell's Slavic's Gold and Gary Plant's Mighty Valdiar.

Run the Light rallied while racing in hand to catch Slavic's Gold, the pacesetter, nearing the finish, and covered the rolling mile and a quarter in 2:12.20 over a good turf course. Bred by Edward P. Evans, 7-year-old Run the Light is by Tabasco Cat out of Green Light, by Sheikh Albadou (GB).

Loudoun

At the Loudoun Hunt point-to-point held at Oatlands Plantation in Leesburg on April 13, Northfield Farm LLC's **Expel** scored easily, by six lengths, for rider Liam McVicar and trainer Teddy Mulligan. The runner-up was Warren Owens's Dr. Nitro. In third was Don Yovanovich's Road Hazord.

The 10-furlong time, over good turf, was 2:41.60.

Expel, a 4-year-old gelding by Expelled—Kentwood Miss, by Our Native, was bred in Virginia by Daybreak Stables Inc.

Fairfax

The series concluded on April 20 at the Fairfax Hunt point-to-point at Morven Park in Leesburg, where Alix White's **Tu Baku** won the VHBPA and Echo Equine Cup while defeating 10 others going about a mile and a quarter over soggy turf.

The 6-year-old Virginia-bred homebred gelding by Robb—Flexograph, by Contare, rallied from off the pace and just got up at the finish to nose out Warren Owens's Xoxoxo, who had set the pace. Owen Kiernan's Talang rounded out the top three. The time for the race was 2:18.20. Tu Baku was ridden by Carl Rafter and trained by Timothy White, as is Xoxoxo.

A spring championship race will take place at Colonial Downs this summer.

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FROM THE VIRGINIA HORSEMEN'S BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

Welcome to Colonial Downs

On June 9, Colonial Downs is set to begin an expanded nine-week summer meet with 45 days of racing, five more than last year. As usual, live racing is conducted Friday through Tuesday, except for Wednesday of opening week and closing day, Wednesday, August 6. Post time is 5 p.m. on weekdays and 12:55 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

Jacobs Investments, Colonial's owner, will again sponsor the Grand Slam of Grass—offering a $5 million bonus for a horse who wins the Colonial Turf Cup-G3 (Colonial Downs, June 21), Virginia Derby-G2 (Colonial Downs, July 19), Secretariat Stakes-G1 (Arlington Park, August 9) and Breeders' Cup Turf-G1 (Santa Anita, October 25).

The $750,000 Virginia Derby will be televised nationally by CBS Sports.

Colonial Downs will card six added-money races for Virginia-bred/sired horses as part of its 17-race stakes program. Purses for those restricted stakes are $60,000. As an added feature this year, the Virginia Breeders' Fund will pay a 100 percent owner's bonus for Virginia-bred/sired horses who finish in the top six places in open competition. Thus, a Virginia horse in a $25,000 open maiden race actually competes for $50,000 in purse money.

Backstretch Benevolence

Urgent medical care is available at MedExpress, 120 Monticello Avenue, Williamsburg, Va. 23185; (757) 564-3627; located approximately 20 miles from the track. Dental care is in Providence Forge, just south of the track entrance, at the office of Dr. Randall S. Rosemond, 3521 N. Courthouse Road, (804) 966-7202. Arrangements for transportation and payment may be made at the VHBPA office building across from the Virginia Racing Commission licensing office; for assistance call (804) 966-1234.

The Reverend Marjorie Bevans, our chaplain and a former jockey, is at the track every day to conduct services, provide spiritual counseling. She also leads a weekly Bible discussion.

The VHBPA 10-passenger van offers transportation to shopping areas and recreation destinations for backstretch workers residing in the dormitories. Soccer, volleyball, basketball and horseshoes are on site. In our building there is a large screen television/DVD along with computers, printers and a fax machine. On the terrace we have 24-hour Wi-Fi access to the Internet for laptop users. The track kitchen next door, where the VHBPA provides meal vouchers for grooms and other backstretch workers, has televisions and pari-mutuel wagering.

On race days, grooms are eligible for "best turned out" awards ($20) given in the paddock for each race. "Best kept barn" awards ($100) are made each week.

The VHBPA will continue its annual scholarship program by awarding grants for use in college, vocational school or other formal courses of study. Last year we gave $1,000 scholarships to seven individuals. To be eligible an applicant must be: (1) a Virginia resident; and (2) a race track or Thoroughbred horse farm employee or child of the same. Applications are available in the VHBPA office and at www.vhba.org.

Social Events

On Saturday, June 21, the VHBPA will host an Owners' Day event that starts with a noon-time reception on the backstretch. Food, drinks and gifts for owners and their friends are complimentary. Ceremonies honoring owners will continue through the afternoon.

On Owners' Day, and during the entire nine-week meet (except for the Virginia Derby on July 19), the VHBPA has a grandstand sky suite for use by its members and friends. The suite is on the fourth floor. Track management requires appropriate dress (no blue jeans) for sky suites. Admission to the VHBPA suite is free of charge.

In mid-July, on a yet to be scheduled dark day, the VHBPA, VTA and Colonial Downs will again sponsor their annual golf tournament at the Royal New Kent Golf Club near the track. Tee time is noon for the tournament, which benefits Shannon Campbell and the Disabled Jockeys' Fund. Check with the VHBPA, (804) 966-1234, for details.

Very Virginia Day is set for Saturday, August 2. Virginia products and crafts will be exhibited in the lower grandstand and in tents on the homestretch green. Exhibitors and organizations interested in participating on Very Virginia Day should contact VHBPA executive director Frank Petramalo (804) 966-1234 or Robyn Dail at Colonial Downs (804) 966-7223, extension 1073.

Useful Information

New Virginia medication rules prohibit the use in race horses of all anabolic steroids except for the four commonly used therapeutic aids (stanozolol, boldenone, nandrolone and testosterone), only small residues of which may be present in post-race testing. Horsemen are advised to withdraw use, if any, of those four medications at least 30 to 45 days before racing. That time period, however, is only a guideline. Withdrawal times may vary among horses and may differ with use of a particular medication. In order to avoid severe penalties for violations, starting with disqualification and loss of purse, the Virginia Racing Commission is offering licensed horsemen free pre-race testing to determine if their horses are below prohibited steroid levels. Testing arrangements may be made through Commission veterinarian Dr. Rich Harden (804) 966-7409.

Horsemen stabled at Colonial and in need of a veterinarian on a dark day may contact: Newmarket Equine Clinic (804) 633-3816; Deer Creek Veterinary Services (804) 598-3759; Dover Equine (804) 769-1196; Woodside Equine (804) 798-3281; and Virginia Equine (804) 270-1327.

Traffic conditions on the way to Colonial Downs on I-95 and I-64 are often challenging, to put it mildly. To get around heavy traffic going south on I-95 toward the track take Exit 98 (Rt. 30 East) to West Point, then go right on Rt. 33 south to I-64 west. Go west on I-64 to Exit 214 (Colonial Downs). To avoid heavy beach traffic on I-64 east at the I-64 exit ramp from I-295, take I-64 west (toward Richmond) and stay to the left for Route 60 east. Go east on Route 60 to Route 155. Turn left and go north on Route 155 to the race track entrance on the right.

Finally, handy extension numbers that go with the track's main telephone number (804) 966-7223 include racing secretary (1056); racing office (1050, 1153); stewards (1023, 1024, 1025); horsemen's bookkeeper (1065, 1101); track kitchen (1079); security (1045, 1054), receiving barn (2210); test barn (1067); maintenance (1085); track photographer (1038) and teleview videos (1028).

West Virginia
THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Newsletter **June 2008**

When deciding on farm site Closes' call was West Virginia

Mutual attraction generally starts with shared interests, but sometimes it's helpful if luck or providence gives a gentle nudge.

Lewis and Martha Close are the proprietors of Diamond C Farm, a 21-acre spread located minutes from Charles Town.

The couple's passion for horses led to their chance meeting.

Said Lewis Close: "I spent the majority of my adult life as a coach, teacher and principal in the Orange County, Va., school system. In 1986, I was working in conjunction with a friend operating a trail riding service on Skyline Drive.

"Martha was a big city gal on vacation from New York. The attraction was immediate, and lo and behold, over 18 years later we are still happily married."

A turning point for the Closes came in 1991. That's when they bought their farm, purchased their first race horse, and won their first race. It was also the year that Lewis became a licensed trainer.

"We purchased our first horse for $500 and after he won, I guess you could say we were hooked," said Lewis. "Our original business plan was to breed, train and race our own string of horses."

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Martha Close has worked for many years for the Small Business Administration. "I think my business acumen has integrated well with the daily functions of maintaining a farm," she commented. "Fortunately for us, Lewis and I are great partners. We rarely disagree on rider choices or condition book options. I think my strong point is pedigree analysis."

The Closes' decision to settle in West Virginia was an easy one. "The West Virginia Thoroughbred Development Fund (WVTDF) was our major enticement, alongside the 10-10-10 program for in-state breeders," he explained.

It seems to have proven a wise move for the couple, as they generally are near the top of the list of bonus earners from the WVTDF.

The Closes typically breed 10 to 15 mares each season, with the majority of their breeding stock acquired via the claim box.

Martha explained: "We are a small-scale operation, but we try and make the most out of modest beginnings. Lewis and I find it extremely gratifying and prideful to watch a horse we bred visit the winner's circle. Any financial endeavor has limitations, but never do we cut corners when it comes to our horses. They are like our children, occasionally proven to break your heart or your pocketbook."

One of the Closes' homegrown runners made a promising appearance on April 16 at Charles Town. Holy Moly Diamond, a 3-year-old first-time starter owned by Martha and trained by Lewis, raced a tad greenly through the stretch and finished second, beaten less than a length. The dark brown/bay colt is out of the Closes' mare Banami Ma Me (by Holy Bull), a former claimer.

"I claimed this mare from Dale Capuano for $5,000 and in her second start for us she won an allowance race," said Lewis. "Her physical problems were imposing, so we decided to take her home and make a broodmare out of her."

Holy Moly Diamond was sired by Luftikus, a son of Meadowlake who is making a successful career at the Casey family's Taylor Mountain Farm in Charles Town.

"Luftikus was chosen in a collaborative effort between Mr. (James W.) Casey and us," Lewis explained. "He thought it was a nice cross and Martha concurred. We bred a few mares at Taylor Mountain Farm, since we are limited in the number of stallions we stand."

The Closes stand two stallions: Citislipper (Citidancer—Blue Slip, by Lines of Power) and Frankie the Cat (Tabasco Cat—Jacuzzi, by Time for a Change).

When they began their adventure into the world of Thoroughbred racing and breeding, the Closes didn't have a long-range timetable.

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